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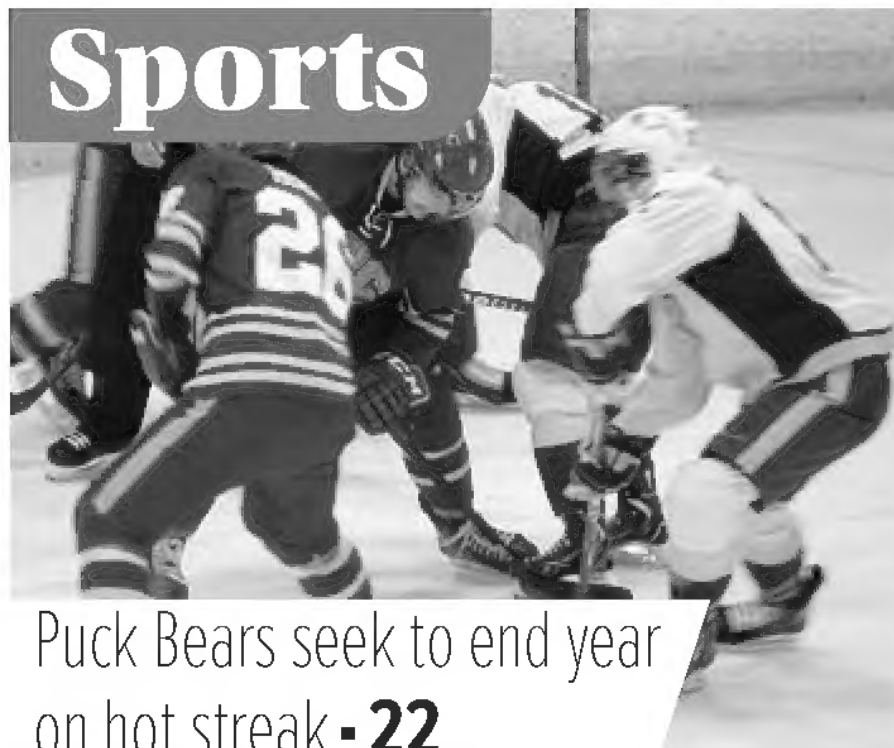
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Lister residents face eviction following break-in at Marina

LHSA and Hall VP facing eviction after August incident

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At least three students have been evicted from their suites and charged with breaking the University of Alberta's Code of Student Behaviour in the aftermath of an investigation into an incident of breaking, entering and theft in a Lister convenience store.

On August 17, Schaffer Hall Vice-President Kody Moncrief and Lister Hall Students' Association (LHSA) Vice-President (Operations) Matthew Dalla Lana allegedly stood by while two others, one of whom was an incoming Floor Coordinator (FC), broke into The Marina and took some protein bars. Complimentary towels were also taken from Schaeffer floors being used as hotel floors.

According to a letter circulated by Moncrief to Schaffer Hall on Nov. 24, the incident occurred after a night of heavy drinking that resulted in memory gaps.

"In the morning, the LHSA executives including myself voted unanimously to fire the FC and the FC returned the goods, apologized to all parties and owned up to his drunken

mistakes. He was subsequently evicted, a replacement was found, and I thought that was that," Moncrief wrote in his letter.

More than a month later, on Sept. 21, Moncrief was informed by email that he was being charged with possessing university property. After conducting an internal investigation, Residence Services allegedly ruled to evict and revoke visiting rights for all involved parties, and Moncrief said he was accused with accepting stolen goods, acting as a lookout during the theft, failing to respond to the theft, drinking in an elevator and stealing towels.

The charges came from video footage, which included Moncrief and the FC holding towels later in the evening of question, which Moncrief said he did not remember. The towels were returned the next morning.

"I was shown the videos at a meeting with the LHSA President and a UAPS officer. I was shown the videos which included me and were used against me for evidence," Moncrief explained in an email interview.

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CAMPUS DODGEBALL

Students scramble for dodgeball glory in weekend Campus Cup



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With exam season lurking just around the corner, students at the University of Alberta decided to let off some steam last weekend by dodging, ducking, dipping, diving and dodging in the University of Alberta's fourth annual Campus Cup dodgeball tournament.

Campus Cup is a collaboration involving the Students' Union, the Lister Dodgeball League, the Residence Halls Association, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Alumni Association and Campus Recreation to coordinate a campus-wide dodgeball tournament that students, staff and alumni can participate in. This year, 23 teams registered for the Recreational Conference and 55 signed up for the Competitive Conference. Matches were played in Lister Centre's David Tuckey Gym,

the Education Gym, the Main Gym, and the E19 Dance studio from Nov. 23 to 25.

"(Campus Cup's) evolved a significant amount since it started, and I think the credit is due to the programming and venues team that we have."

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VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE), STUDENTS' UNION

"This year, over 1,000 students (played) on different competitive

and recreational teams ... for the whole weekend in hopes of winning the four foot tall legendary Campus Cup trophy," said Students' Union Vice-President (Student Life) Saadiq Sumar.

"It's obviously a lot bigger than when it started. There are also a lot of little ads where, if you weren't around back then, you wouldn't really understand or appreciate — things like the logos on the Campus Cup shirts ... It's evolved a significant amount since it started, and I think the credit is due to the programming and venues team that we have."

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Engineers take it all off for cancer

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The ETLC solarium was buzzing last Friday as engineering students had their heads shaved to raise awareness and funds for cancer.

Approximately 35 students signed up this year for the ninth annual Engineering Head Shave, which raised \$12,252.26 for the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

Students made the commitment to fundraise by dying their hair bright colours a full week before getting it shaved off in public.

One of the participants was Students' Union Vice-President (Student Life) Saadiq Sumar, who said he garnered a lot of attention whilst sporting fire-engine-red hair.

"There's also the people walking by that do the double and triple takes ... with the mustache, a lot of people thought I was either Super Mario or Ronald McDonald," he said.

"It's always a great experience when you dye your hair, and people just look at you differently, and you get to express that to people — that you are taking part in this head shave, and you are trying to raise awareness for a greater cause," he said.

The yearly fundraiser has now collected nearly \$250,000 for its cause since it commenced in 2004.

Engineering Students' Society president and head shave organizer Alex Nilson said event planning began earlier this summer.

"There's a small group of us, but we're all working really hard," he said.

"We just want to keep this event alive — it means a lot to our society, and so hopefully (we



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can) just keep it big, keep the spirit (going)."

One of the biggest challenges the event has faced has been getting the word out and recruiting enough students to participate and donate.

"I think it's always challenging to get a lot of students involved as participants or observers in an event when it's this late into the semester, especially when labs are starting to wrap up (and) finals are just around the corner," Sumar explained.

Last year, aside from most of the SU executives signing up for the head shave, the event featured the president of the Graduate Students' Association and the university Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Carl Amrhein, who is currently on administrative leave.

However, this year's event touted no such headliners, and fell short of its intended \$40,000 goal.

"We've had about half as many people participating — I think (because) of just the

timing," Nilson explained.

"Next year's our 10th annual, so it's going to be a really big deal."

As the fundraiser approaches its 10-year mark, coordinators hope to generate even more funds by expanding the head shave to other faculties.

"Right now it's an engineering event, but it (would) be great to maybe challenge some of the other faculties to get involved, who can raise the most money. I think there's lots of opportunities with this event," said one of the event coordinators, Lauren Brunet.

Engineering student Jared Watts was one of the top fundraisers who had an original goal of raising \$100, and ended up collecting over \$2,000.

"My mom has cancer, so I'd thought I'd be a part of (the head shave)," Watts said.

"She thought it was a nice deed to do, so I thought why not; she has to go through so much, so it's worth it."

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As you may know, Campus Cup happened over the weekend.

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Did you participate?



Kimberley Townsend SCIENCE II
"Yes, we won one game."



Kaylah Theriault ARTS I
"I didn't even know that happened."



Jaimee Russnak EDUCATION II
"Yes, the best part was spending the weekend with friends."



L éa St. Arnault ARTS I
"No, I didn't."



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to follow the action (and maybe donate a little to help end prostate cancer, maybe?)

ISSS to propose new member fee

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After narrowly failing to garner student support last year to introduce a \$6 membership fee, the Interdepartmental Science Students' Society (ISSS) plans to bring a new proposal forward to students.

ISSS, the faculty association for all science undergraduates, is gearing up to present Students' Council with the idea of a \$5 levied Faculty Association Membership Fee (FAMF). Aptly titled the Five-Dollar Science Community Investment (SCI-5), it would apply to every science undergraduate starting in the 2013 academic year.

The faculty association says the revenue generated from the fee will help fund more science initiatives and activities, like professional development programs and resources, graduation events and career fairs.

"The Interdepartmental Science Students' Association represents approximately 6,800 undergraduate science students here on campus, (and) membership is automatic," said Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) Dustin Chelen, a former ISSS president on top of being the former ISSS vice-president (Academic).

The proposal will be brought to Students' Council on Dec. 4, and pending approval, will go to referendum in 2013 during the SU executive election, where it will need 15 per cent of science students to vote, with the majority in favour.

"The faculty association will take a referendum to students asking whether or not students want to pay a fee for a period of up to four years," Chelen explained.

"If they vote in favour, the SU will take those funds, (and) distribute it to the faculty association upon successful financial reporting forms being submitted to the SU's audit committee."

ISSS was initiated in 2010 after



FEE FIGHTER Jessica Nguyen is part of a push for an ISSS membership fee. KATELYN HOFFART

the previous Science Students' Association was terminated by the SU, and progressively increased its budget to \$30,000 last year. With the potential new faculty association membership fee, that budget would increase further to \$60,000.

Twenty per cent of the funds would go to student services, community and advocacy, with 25 per cent designated to the Council of Science Student Associations (COS-SA) — an organization of 23 different science student groups within the University of Alberta.

An additional 15 per cent would be set aside for project development and scholarships.

"It shows that ISSS is building a relationship with students, and I think that's what we're striving to do," said ISSS Director of Membership Fees, Jessica Nguyen.

Other consultations with General Faculties Council science councilors and other students-at-large have been underway to get feedback, and a town hall was held on Nov. 23.

Nguyen said as a new organization, raising these funds through

external groups and fundraising on their own would be difficult for ISSS.

"This gives ISSS the freedom to really grow as an organization in a shorter amount of time," she explained.

Before the proposal is presented, the FAMF will have to be passed at the ISSS student council on Nov. 29.

"I can't speak to the reasons that council may give for either approving or denying it, since we haven't seen any documentation yet," Chelen said.

"I think (council) will carefully want to weight the cost of the fee for the faculty of science students and the benefits they see."

However Nguyen remains confident students will see value in SCI-5.

"I think we've really focused on allocations that are for students, and that's something different about SCI-5. I think when we market something like this, it's very clear what the values are behind it — I think it's very clear what you're getting out of it," she said.

SU takes steps against campus violence

Michelle Mark

ONLINE REPORTER

The Students' Union is taking new action to combat gender-based violence on campus through a new partnership with Status of Women Canada, who have provided them with \$200,000 in funding.

Having recently formed the Gender Based Violence Prevention Project on campus, the SU has been working to implement institutional change and educate students, faculty and staff on the issue of gender-based violence.

SU Vice-President (Student Life) Saadiq Sumar said the SU will be working on raising awareness about gender-based violence on campus and potentially making changes to university policy.

"The SU partnering with Status of Women Canada is basically looking for community-based approaches to dealing with gender-based violence. So we're basically using the U of A campus as a learning ground, as a way to sort of test out what works and what doesn't work," he said.

"The biggest problem is that a lot of (gender-based violence) goes unreported. And when it does potentially get reported, it's dealt with in a manner that I think, in some respects, may be inappropriate, which is why we're looking at some potential changes to university policy."

Status of Women Canada recently announced that they have provided 21 organizations across Canada

— including the U of A Students' Union and the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton — with nearly \$4 million to tackle the issue of violence against women on post-secondary campuses.

Having applied for the funding at the beginning of the year, Sumar said the SU was granted it in March.

"(This) was basically a project that was limited to very specific groups, which is why we decided to apply — it wasn't something that the U of A could apply to. We, the Students' Union, could apply to it," said Sumar.

■ "A lot of (gender-based violence) goes unreported. And when it does potentially get reported, it's dealt with in a manner that ... may be inappropriate."

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Throughout the year, the SU and the Gender-Based Violence Prevention Project will be organizing and hosting speakers, workshops, sessions and even a community-based theatre project in partnership with AP!RG and International Week.

Melanie Alexander, the coordinator for the Gender-Based Violence Prevention Project, said one of the main goals of the project is to change the culture surrounding

gender-based violence.

"I think, traditionally, when we think of preventing sexual assault or preventing gender-based violence, it really comes down to putting the ownership on the people who are actually experiencing the violence," Alexander said.

"It's seen in our culture all the time, of telling people specifically — in lots of cases, women — to change their actions, watch what they're doing ... and that's not actually how to prevent gender-based violence. To prevent it is to get to the people who are perpetrating it to stop."

The Gender-Based Violence Prevention Project will also be giving presentations to student residence floors in an effort to raise awareness and educate them about societal and cultural factors that foster gender-based violence, such as rape myths and rape jokes.

"Instead of just giving them those resources of what to do when someone has experienced sexual assault or sexual violence, we really want to go in and try and actually change that culture," Alexander explained.

"We live in a really, really sexist culture that makes it difficult for people to be able to go about their daily lives without experiencing gender-based violence, so I think I just want people to know that it does exist, and there are people who are experiencing it, and it's really a community responsibility that we all need to accept and to change that culture."

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Barnyard humour abounds at Animal Science 200 production

Michelle Mark
ONLINE REPORTER

Student creativity was given an opportunity to flourish last Thursday evening as this year's Animal Science 200 students put on the class's 17th production of *There's A Heifer in Your Tank*.

A twice-yearly event, the evening was dedicated to showcasing answers to quirky agriculture questions, like whether hens can go through menopause, whether sheep die if they lay on their backs too long and why cows eat Tide laundry soap.

The event was comprised of 10 short presentations delivered to an audience and a panel. Each presentation took a different form, from music videos and skits to a puppet show and a claymation video. Each presentation used creativity and humour to explain scientific points about farmyard animals.

Dean of Students and Animal Sciences 200 professor Frank Robinson explained student engagement is one of the most important factors involved in his students' learning.

"They can sit in a class and be passive, but we always notice a huge difference after something like this — because they now are empowered to have fun in creating knowledge too. So teaching, after this event, is a breeze, because they're so fully engaged," he said.

"We hope they also realize that the university isn't what it was 20 years ago ... that we focus a lot more now on creativity and building a community, because once they're part of a community, they're more likely to learn."

The event, which in previous years employed staff, was put together this year by volunteers alone after one of the programs that used to provide funding was eliminated.

"This year's event was different in the way that we don't have the funding we used to have ... so this



HEATHER RICHARDS

is Heifer in Your Tank 'Light' now," Robinson said.

"We don't have paid staff anymore, but I think everyone would agree that the creative parts the students put together are fantastic."

Annika Nelson, Katlyn Benedict and Ariana Schulte were all part of a group who put together a music video on the benefits of farming elk, set to Eminem's "Love the Way You Lie."

"It's so different than any other classes, and it's so much fun to be able to do something so hands-on," Benedict said.

"I definitely put the most work into this class, but I don't regret it for a minute."

The group members had been given the opportunity to travel to the Sandy Hills Elk Ranch, where they shot the video, and said the experience of working in a group on such a creative project was often difficult yet ultimately rewarding.

"By the time we left the farm, we were all convinced that we would be A-okay farming elk for the rest of

our lives," Nelson said.

"Which, based off of the lecture that we got on the diversified livestock industry, we wouldn't have got the same feeling at all, which really made that part of agriculture come to life for us."

"That's the biggest thing — we actually got to interact with the industry. It isn't just reading about it in a textbook — it's actually getting out there, living it, breathing it, loving it," Schulte added.

Robinson said events like Heifer In Your Tank show the fun side of university life instead of the side students usually see when writing final exams or term papers.

"This is a stressful university, so students can have fun while they're at it," he said.

"The content in here is the same as on a term paper, but they learn skills in working together ... (and) communicating."

The next Heifer In Your Tank is expected to take place in March or April 2013.

Conference casts critical eye on civilization

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In keeping with the major issues Canada's economy currently faces, the Parkland Institute hosted its annual conference last weekend titled *Petro, Power and Politics*.

The three-day conference marked the 16th fall conference in the history of the institute, and brought a critical lens to the subject of petroleum and how it drives Canadian society.

Keynotes included acclaimed author Ronald Wright as well as Duff Conacher, an adjunct professor of Law at the University of Toronto, joined by a wealth of other experts on the subject of the economy.

Friday's keynote kicked off with a brief introduction from Dean of Arts Lesley Cormack.

"In Alberta I don't think we can get more relevant than the topic of this weekend's conference — Petro, Power and Politics. The oil and gas industry have undoubtedly shaped the Alberta economy, (and) also Alberta's society," Cormack said.

"I think that it's only by groups like (the Parkland Institute) and conferences like this that we can dare to say, 'What if we lived in a world where we didn't depend on oil and gas? What kind of a world would that look like?' Because it's only by imagining a world like

that that we might be able to move forward and become the world we want to be in, that we want to leave for our children."

She then gave the floor to Wright, whose speech was called *The Traps of Progress* — based on his book, *A Short History of Progress*. Wright has become known for his vocalization against what he calls the 'experiment' of civilization.

"The biggest and most notorious incidences of mass murder — the Roman circus, the Spanish Inquisition, the Aztec sacrifices, the Nazi death camps — were all the work of highly civilized folk," Wright said.

Wright's speech avidly condemned present-day civilization, which he said is threatening to destroy the natural world on which it depends.

"Our burning, blasting, digging, damming, mining and building now move more tons of rock and carbon than the forces of nature and so-called acts of God," he said.

"Many natural disasters ... are no longer purely natural, their frequency, severity and dire consequences magnified by human impact."

He added that the cultural evolution of mankind and the accumulation of knowledge are leaps and bounds ahead of physical evolution.

"We're running 21st century software on hardware last upgraded

maybe 50,000 years ago — we are ice age hunters with a shave and a suit," he said.

The current state of the environment is in Wright's opinion a testament to the destructive powers of progress, which have upset the world's balance.

"The environment is plundered from the top by mighty corporations to feed the bonfire of growth, while from the bottom it is eaten away by the rural poor and desperate who must burn down forests to grow patches of grain," he said.

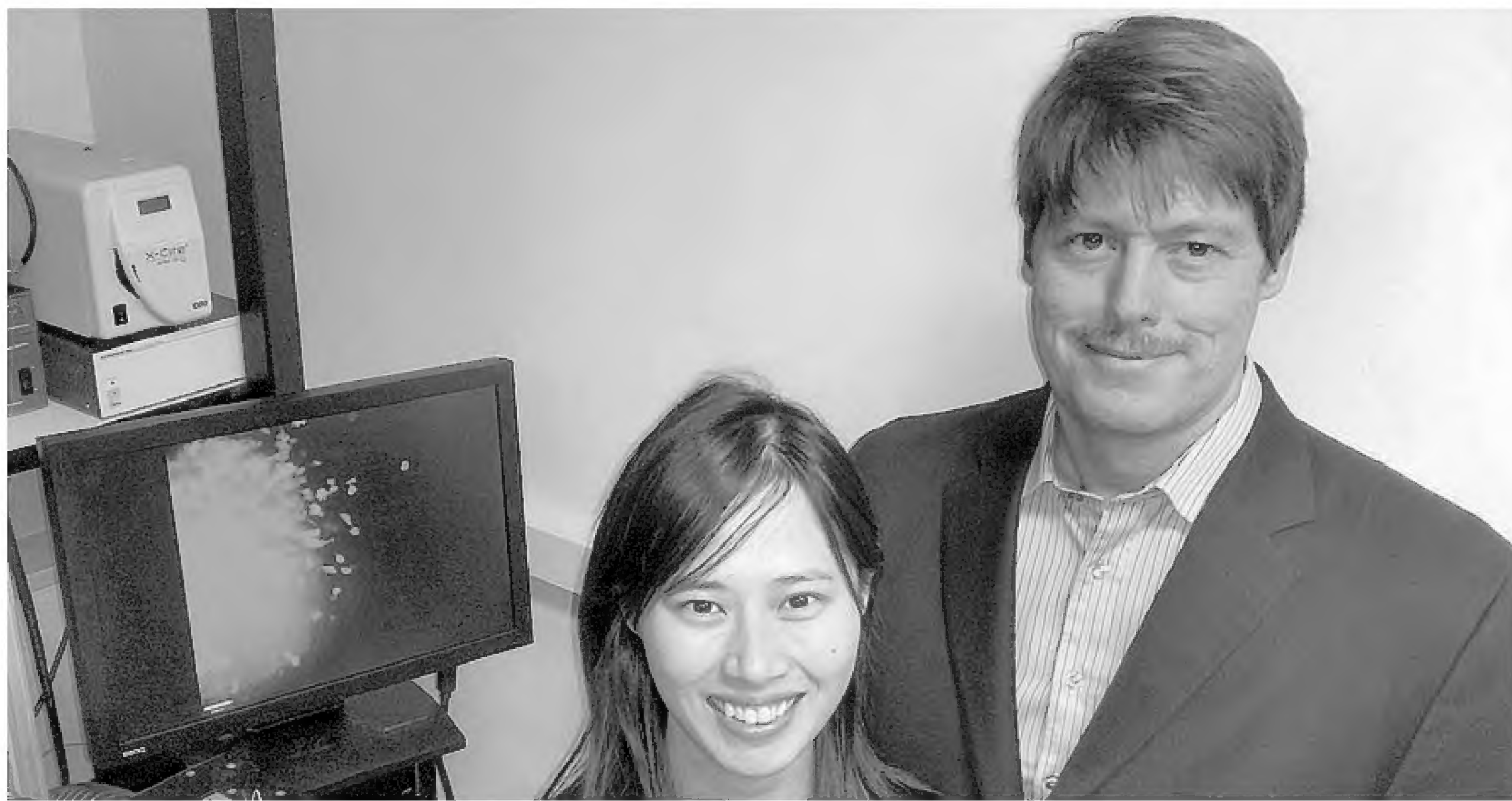
"Our greatest experiment — civilization itself — will survive only if we live on Nature's terms."

To do this, Wright called for principles of long-term planning to be developed on a global scale, in which "the absurd myth of endless growth is replaced by recognition of natural limits."

He added this ideological shift is already starting to happen, and could lead to a Green MP being elected in Calgary Centre — the only part of his speech that received boos from the audience.

"Most of us already know what needs doing: consume less, breed less, conserve more, choose quality over quantity and work towards the greater good of all," he said.

"We live in the wealthiest times that have ever existed ... Now really is our last chance to get our future right."



Chemotherapy breakthrough to target and kill cancer cells

Ross Vincent

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In the spirit of Movember, prostate cancer treatment has been given renewed hope of success through the work of researchers at the University of Alberta using nanotechnology in a new and innovative treatment method.

A team led by John Lewis, associate professor in the Department of Oncology and Sojony Chair in Prostate Cancer Research, recently published a study taking six years of research and developing chemotherapeutic homing beacons that can target and deliver drugs to cancerous cells while avoiding the side effects of traditional chemotherapy, such as immune system weakening and hair loss.

Since cancer is caused by subtle changes in one's own cells, making them malignant and allowing them to grow unchecked, the similarity between tumours and normal tissue usually makes it difficult to administer treatments only targeting cancer cells.

"The vast majority of the current chemotherapies are indiscriminate in that they kill every dividing cell in the body," Lewis said.

"We've been trying for a number of years now to come up with medicines that will specifically

hunt, seek out cancer, and kill them specifically and avoid all the healthy tissues."

Lewis's lab developed a process for screening and isolating peptides — short chains of amino acids — that home in on and attach to receptors unique to cancer cells. These peptides can be used to deliver drugs or diagnostic chemicals directly to the cancerous cells without affecting the rest of the body.

The process greatly improves the speed and efficiency of sorting homing beacon peptides, a boon for research into applications of nanoparticles — microscopic intermediaries customized for specific functions.

"We can use this technology ... to make nanoparticles go wherever we want. It can apply to many nanoparticles people are using ... for any cancer, and potentially for other diseases as well," Lewis said.

Choi-Fong Cho, a PhD student who has worked with Lewis since the project began, designed the screening process and has already discovered homing beacon peptides which show promise for cancer treatment.

According to Cho, similar targeting peptides currently used in clinical trials run the risk of potentially aggravating cancer growth — a danger her peptides bypass.

"(The peptide) will stop the cancer

from growing initially, because it has anti-angiogenic effects. However, recent studies (say) that if you stop angiogenesis, the tumour will reduce in size temporarily, but then it will enhance its metastatic and invasive ability, causing it to be more dangerous in the long run," she explained.

"My peptide binds to a region that is not biologically active, so we can use it for imaging without affecting the biological properties of the cancer cells."

The next step is testing on animals, with the hope of going to human clinical trials in five years. For Lewis, the goal is now to target tumours that actively spread — a condition that kills more than 90 per cent of cancer patients.

"This technology has matured to a point where we're using it on a regular basis, and now our lab is interested in what makes cells that spread different from cells that don't spread ... for many cancers, including prostate cancer, if it doesn't spread it won't kill the patient," Lewis said.

The report is the culmination of six years of collaboration between nanotechnology, chemistry and cancer researchers, which began at the University of Western Ontario until the lab moved to the U of A in April 2012.

Despite review meeting, eviction stands

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After filing for a review meeting, Moncrief said he was denied the right to view the videos again.

"The (Associate Director of Residence Life) said there was no need to view the videos, because the evidence and decision would not be discussed in the review meeting," he said.

Although unable to comment on the specifics of the case, Associate Director of Residence Life (ADRL) Sarah Wolgemuth said Code of Student Behaviour violations are generally handled through a process of restorative justice.

However, in cases where the university is considered the "harmed party," this process is not usually pursued, in which instances the case goes to Wolgemuth.

"Once I make a decision, the person is given an opportunity to ask for a review of the decision," she explained.

"For someone to ask for (that), there needs to be new information, or if I didn't follow process — if it was identified I or one of my staff missed a step and it wasn't fair to the

students."

Moncrief said it was made clear to him the review process was not an appeal, and would not result in a review of the decision for eviction, factual information or evidence used.

"If I did accept stolen goods or act as a lookout, I am positive the UAPS report would have mentioned this — which it did not, because I did not," he wrote.

"The ADRL could have said I murdered someone, and there would have been no way for me to contest her claim."

Following the review meeting on Nov. 22, Moncrief was allegedly told to vacate his residence by noon on Nov. 30. Moncrief called the resident response to his eviction "inspirational." The response has included tweets, Facebook memorials and t-shirts.

"I have been told over and over again how much the work I've put into this residence over the years has made so many people's lives better, and how strong a community I've built," he said.

"It all means so much to me, and if the residents want me to stay, that's

all that matters to me, because I came back for five years for them to make their experience better. This was an uncharacteristic night where I made some regretful mistakes."

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KODY MONCRIEF
LISTER VICE-PRESIDENT, SCHAFFER

According to Moncrief, the former Floor Coordinator who helped perpetrate the original incident was given a \$300 fine and was required to complete the U of A's Check Yourself survey.

Further sanctions included eviction without visiting rights and an apology letter. Dalla Lana has also been evicted.

The other members of the group implicated in the incident could not be reached for comment.

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ROMANTIC GETAWAY

At 7 p.m. on Nov. 19, cleaning staff reported to UAPS that a male and female were making out in the public women's washroom in HUB Mall.

Officers attended and observed the female washing the male's hair in the sink.

They were determined to have no university affiliation, and were directed off campus without incident.

THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM

On Nov. 20 at 9:18 p.m., an officer on patrol of FAB located a male sleeping in the central stairwell lounge.

The male was not affiliated with the university, and had previously come to the attention of UAPS twice for sleeping in university buildings.

He was issued a formal written

trespass banning him from all university property.

UNRULY RESIDENT

Around midnight on Nov. 21, UAPS responded to a complaint from a university staff member about an intoxicated male who was not a resident, who was refusing to leave a floor in Lister Centre.

UAPS located the male and identified him as a former resident who had caused issues in the past.

He was escorted from the building, and left without causing a scene.

ROBBER AT LARGE

At 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 21, numerous offices were broken into in the Education South building. The perpetrator(s) had gained access by prying open the doors.

One laptop was stolen, and other offices were rifled through.

EPS was contacted, and the investigation is ongoing.

LIBRARY LOON

On the morning of Nov. 21, staff at Campus St. Jean reported they had just dealt with a male who had made disturbing comments to them before leaving the area.

They explained that a non-affiliated male, who has been attending the library there regularly for the past few months, began yelling at staff and making nonsensical comments.

He proceeded to ask staff if the glass windows were bullet proof, and made reference to a school shooting in Quebec in 1989.

UAPS identified the male via video surveillance footage, and staff were instructed to contact UAPS immediately if he returns.

CAT BURGLAR

At 11:40 a.m. on Nov. 21, a resident of Newton Place reported they had returned to their suite and found the door ajar after being out of town a few days.

There were no signs of forced entry, and nothing was missing. It is unknown who accessed her suite, and the resident has since moved elsewhere.

Students “play their hearts out” for Cup

DODGEBALL • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Sumar and the rest of the SU have been working all semester to make sure Campus Cup is not only appealing to die-hard dodgeball players, but also to the rest of the student population who want to play dodgeball without risking destruction by self-proclaimed “pros” of the Lister Dodgeball League. Sumar and his team accomplished this by re-implementing both competitive and recreational conferences.

“We saw that a lot of people weren't really interested in getting shwacked three games to none, so this gives them an opportunity to just play with some friends, which is the whole idea of Campus Cup,” he explained.

“I think dodgeball really is that sport that's slightly ridiculous but also slightly awesome. It's a sport that people can take really seriously or not seriously at all ... You don't have to be (a) Peyton Manning kind of thrower to be good at dodgeball. You can just be some average Joe, literally anyone, and have a good time playing dodgeball, which I think is where a lot of the appeal comes from.”

Since Campus Cup's introduction in 2010 to build hype for the U of A's first Break the Record attempt, the two largest dodgeball-related events on campus have evolved into distinct entities.

“People are starting to see Campus Cup and Break the Record as two separate events. Campus Cup is now in the fall semester and Break the Record has stayed in the winter semester,” Sumar explained.

Through events like Campus Cup and Break the Record, the growing

perception of dodgeball as one of the more popular sports on campus is backed by the philosophy that anyone can play.

“(My favourite moment) was seeing some of the first-years playing their hearts out ... everyone was so enthusiastic and so willing to give it their all regardless of winning or losing,” said second-year Political Science student Emma Scullion, who played in the competitive conference with Team Dodge Style.

“It's an awesome time. It's so much fun — the Students' Union's been great, and the (Lister Dodgeball League) also put a lot of hard work in. And why not go out there? Tournaments are always great.”

According to the Student's Union Student Programming Coordinator Brennan Murphy, the inclusivity of dodgeball resides in the minimal effort it requires to prepare for.

“It's really easy to play. There's no real entry barrier for dodgeball — you need a pair of runners and some shorts. You don't need a specific set of skills.”

As shown by the more than 1,000 students who participated this year, the more dodgeball played on campus, the better. The game's popularity even shone through during the final Competitive Conference match between the last two teams, the Monstars and 007.

“It was really good. The teams were evenly matched. It was the Monstars who ended up winning, vs. 007. Everyone on the court had a really good time,” Murphy said.

“It was packed in the David Tuckey. I would say 300 people were watching the game.”

events *listings*

Sustainability Speaker Series: Thomas Homer-Dixon, “Alberta and the Coming Energy Transition”

Thursday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Myer Horowitz Theatre, SUB

Mountains: Myth & Materiality

Thursday, Nov. 29, 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
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Annual Library Craft Sale

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Monday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
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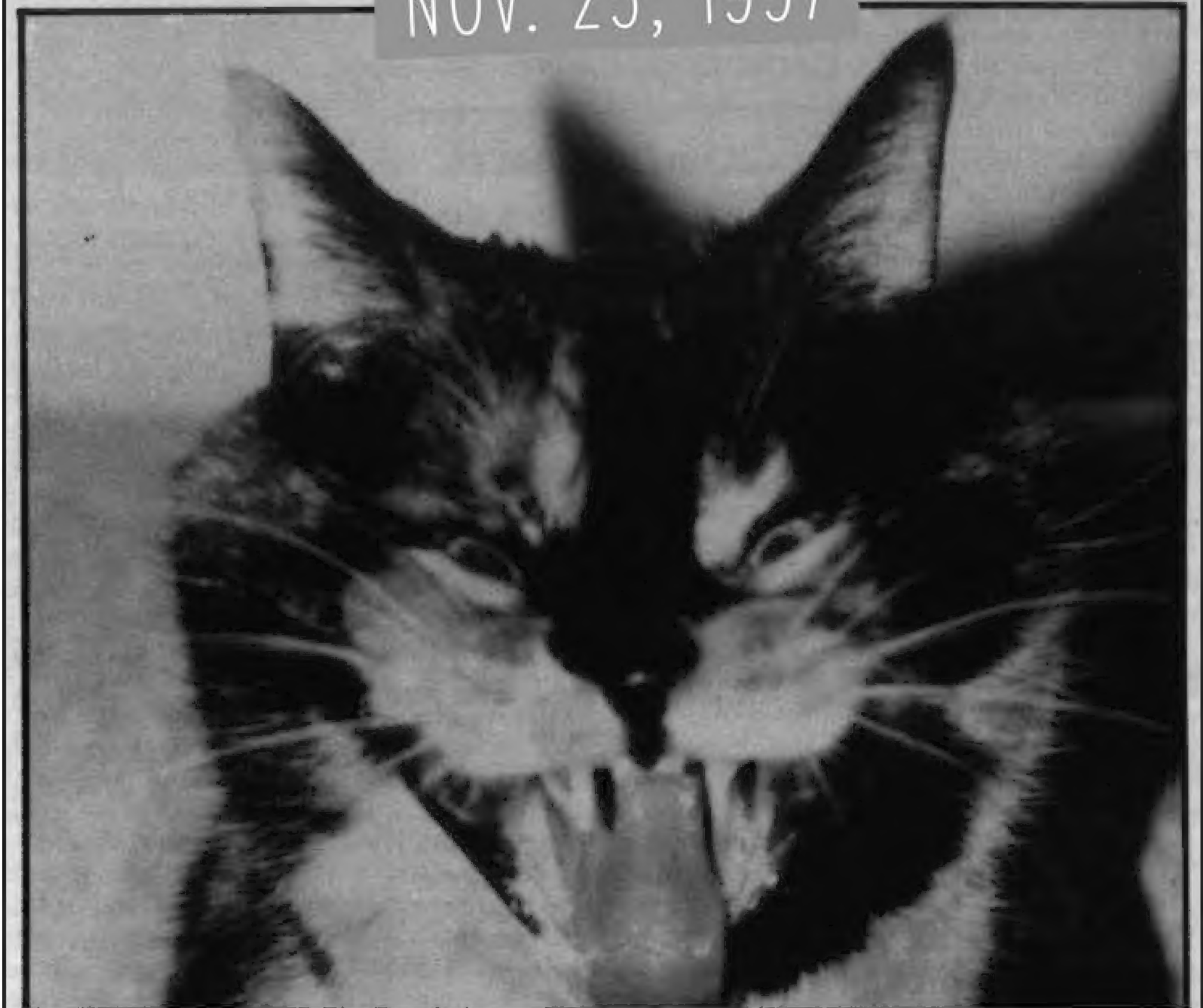
U of A Job Shadow Week Info Session

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 12:35 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.
HUB Career Centre

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Mandatory testing for drugs invades privacy rights

THE ANSWER TO HOW FAR AN EMPLOYER CAN PRY INTO THE personal life of their employees is about to be answered by an Alberta Court of Appeals panel. Oil sands company Suncor Energy is fighting an injunction that prevents them from having their employees submit to random mandatory drug tests. Suncor is claiming the testing is for jobsite safety. However, what an employee chooses to do on their time off the clock is beyond an employer's jurisdiction.

The issue at hand is where the line between privacy and safety is drawn. This case will no doubt set the precedent for how some employers in Alberta manage their drug testing policies. This case also comes at the same time that the Supreme Court of Canada is expected to make a ruling in the case of a New Brunswick paper and pulp company who wants the right to have their workers submit to random breathalyzer tests on the job.

There's no argument that jobsite safety should be paramount in an environment like the oil sands. It's hard work, and there's always the potential for things to go wrong. Although Suncor's safety training is not under debate, the focus needs to be on training employees for emergency situations — not policing them off the clock with the threat of a random drug test. Employees shouldn't have to live in fear of losing their jobs because of something they might have done during their off-hours.

Currently, drug testing usually takes place after an accident happens or when an employee exhibits signs of being under the influence of a substance — which is understandable. If a worker causes an accident or is intoxicated on the job, they should be held accountable for their actions. But Alberta's Drug and Alcohol Risk Reduction Pilot Project (DARRPP) seeks to administer random tests in the name of catching alcohol and substance abuse. Under this plan, if an employee tests positive for drugs or alcohol, they will be assessed by an addictions councillor who will determine whether they can return to work or must seek treatment. DARRPP also claims that if an employee is willing to quit the substance and seek treatment on their own, the employer will never have to know that anything happened. This practice doesn't address fundamental privacy concerns: a worker is still being punished for something they did on their own time.

Ed Secondiak — president of the drug test designing company ECS services — states that this is designed to help employees turn their lives around when it comes to substance abuse issues. That's lovely. Services should be available for people who need help, but this policy unfairly penalizes casual users of soft drugs like marijuana.

People who don't have a problem with drugs, but may have smoked or ingested the substance on the weekend or some other time when they were off the clock will be treated the same as an addict.

A person could refuse treatment because they legitimately are a casual user, but they will most likely be fired. This could potentially make it harder for these people to find employment elsewhere. No employer is going to want to hire a person who was fired for refusing drug treatment. This random drug testing is harmful in more ways than privacy invasion when it can possibly ruin someone's chance at getting hired for a different job.

University of Alberta addiction psychiatrist Dr. Charles Els favours drug testing, but makes the logical distinction that random drug testing is not the answer, due to the fact that it cannot determine when the drugs were used. Provided they are not under the influence when they are on the job, an employee should not have to risk losing their job over something as small and harmless as a joint at a party on the weekend. Street drugs may be illegal, but if they're done in the privacy of someone's home and no one is being harmed, it's nobody's business. Until a test is designed that can accurately tell if an employee is impaired at the moment of testing on the job, these random drug tests should not be allowed.

Depending on the outcome of this case, dangerous precedents can be set for this type of drug testing. If the ruling falls in Suncor's favour, all employers in Alberta could potentially be within their legal right to administer random drug tests. People shouldn't have to forfeit their privacy to appease their employers. It doesn't matter what the job is.

Hopefully the Alberta Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Canada make the right ruling in their respective cases. No matter what's done in the name of safety, it cannot infringe on a person's right to privacy. These random testing policies may be backed by the intention of improving safety, but they're also a dangerous way for companies to assert undue control over their employees' private lives.

Darcy Ropchan
OPINION EDITOR



ANTHONY GOERTZ

letters to the editor

FROM THE WEB

Keep your opinions out of the opinion section

(Re: "Golden-agers and godawful kids ruin good grocery stores," by Darcy Ropchan, Nov. 21)

Sir,

You are the prime example of the self-important people that are abusing their access to media distribution, for the furtherance of entirely opinionated viewpoints masquerading as the news of the day.

This article is a shameful stain on the editor who accepted and published it, and on the individual who wrote it, not only for its blatant disregard for the standards of journalism, but also for it's clearly self-obsessive and elitist qualities, which carry the stain of entitlement and self-supposed irreproachability that is so damaging to the moral fabric of society.

I ask that you remove this "article" from the uAlberta newspaper, in all forms and formats, and discontinue such practices of elitist publishings.

Stephen Schroeder
VIA WEB

US fully supports Israel in Gaza conflict

(Re: "International actors must take stance in Gaza conflict," by April Hudson, Nov. 21)

While I definitely agree that cease-fire is a hopeless solution in the conflict, but I disagree with your statement that the United States is neither condemning nor approving

a side. The pro-Israeli agenda of the United States is quite clear, be it through their media coverage or through their foreign aid to Israel. Numerous American media giants such as The Washington Post, The New York Times, and of course, FOX News pepper their stories with anti-Palestinian comments, labeling them as "a well-known terrorist organization," and criticizing their attacks on Israel.

Obama has shown his support of Israel, stating that Israelis have the right and obligation to defend themselves against Hamas. But aren't the Palestinians the ones who are defending themselves? After all, they are the ones who have been subject to Israeli occupation for the last fifty years. The Palestians are the ones who have been forced into refugee camps, have had their homes destroyed, land seized, and lost their jobs, all for the sake of Israeli settlers. So aren't the Palestinians the ones who are the defenders? Not according to American media.

The one-sidedness of American media is closely connected to the massive amounts of American foreign aid that go to Israel. Currently, out of all of the countries receiving foreign aid from the United States, Israel receives the highest amount. And in a world scale, Israel is the country that receives the second-most amount of foreign aid out of all other countries.

So yes, the United States definitely has a voice in the Israeli-Palestine conflict, and it is clear that they are condemning Palestine and approving Israel. What does the United States gain from supporting

Israel? And furthermore, what future consequences could this alliance bring?

"Anne"
VIA WEB

Ian Reade really doesn't care about field hockey

(Re: "Whatever happened to field Hockey?" by Andrew Jeffrey, Nov. 21)

Honesty, transparency, and process are all part of good decision making. None of these were utilized in this decision. The fact that you state that you would change nothing in the future clearly demonstrates poor reflection capabilities and a lack of respect for all of those individuals involved.

Tara Berrett
VIA WEB

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Electoral changes unfair to candidates



Michael Ross
OPINION STAFF

Last week Students’ Council debated a series of nine surprise motions with the intention of touching up and improving the election system. While most of the changes were editorial or aimed to simplify and clarify the roles of elections staff, two changes in particular represent a distinct step backwards.

First of all, Council decided to reduce the length of the campaign period by two days, ostensibly to “avoid voter and candidate burnout.” Last year Council decided to extend that same campaign period by two days to allow campaigning during voting. That was the most substantial change made to the election system that year, and after the campaign 1,700 more students voted than the previous year. Even then only about 20 per cent of students actually voted, and any increase in informed voter turnout is surely something to be cherished.

Voter burnout may indeed be a real issue — both students and professors certainly have been known to get annoyed at the constant requests for classroom talks. But the solution surely isn’t to squeeze all the campaigning into a five week-day period. No matter what, the largest classrooms are going to be swamped by candidates, and if there is going to be a large pool of candidates running — incidentally another typically-desired scenario — large numbers of classroom talks are inevitable.

Candidate burnout is completely separate. The only thing that controls how much or how little a candidate campaigns is their own level of dedication. If they are tired or stressed out, then they should take a break — that’s what volunteers are for. Having a short campaign

period gives the voters who actually care less time to make up their minds and is likely to result in more of a popularity contest than usual, whereas having a longer campaign period may just give an advantage to the candidates who work harder and can stay focused under stress — desirable attributes for an executive.

Council also changed the expense reporting system so that candidates are required to submit their finances during voting but before the results are announced. Of course, if a candidate spends too much money during the election, they still run the risk of getting disqualified.

This means that voters could be voting for candidates who are actively being disqualified or worse, the winner of an election could have their victory taken away hours later due to faulty accounting.

In his report to Council, the Chief Returning Officer identified this concern and recommended that Council stick with the status quo, where candidates submit their report before voting begins so that the ballots can reflect all qualified candidates. While playing devil’s advocate, he mentioned that this could force candidates to have to predict their remaining campaign expenses before the end of the campaign, and apparently this is the logic that Council clung to.

These candidates are adults, and running out of fliers to hand out is much less of a problem than people unintentionally voting for a disqualified candidate.

The Students’ Union’s credibility lies with its democracy, and when it comes to updating the election system, Council’s objectives should be only to make them fairer and more accessible.

Leaving candidates afraid of disqualification after winning or reducing their ability to interact with students is extremely unlikely to lead to better elections, and Council should strongly reconsider the direction they’re taking here.

National Defence shows blatant disregard for transparency with new F-35 purchase



Adrian Lahola-Chomiak
OPINION STAFF

F-35 fighter jets have become a scandal magnet in Canadian politics. A recent report published by a parliamentary committee investigating the \$25 billion project has continued the trend. Although the report recommends more transparency in the future, it does not hold the department of National Defense accountable for the debacle, nor does it do anything to remedy the problems already caused by the project.

National Defense’s plan to replace the outdated CF-18 fighter jets we currently rely on is to procure shiny new F-35 fighter jets. However, the original proposal only called for \$15 billion, which grew to \$25 billion after approval. Later, it was revealed that the true cost was known and suppressed by National Defence officials. The subsequent parliamentary investigation should have been a smack down to prevent this kind of behaviour, but has ended up being weak and ineffective lip service to critics.

The committee’s report simply asked for more transparency and accountability in the future — the problem is that being more transparent in the future doesn’t rectify the huge cost disparity, which was snuck through the approval process. More transparency may make it easier to monitor the project going forward, but the committee did not address the core issues. The F-35 fighter jet project can’t stand in its current form so far from what was originally approved. Weak actions like this make the committee seem more like a way to appear to be concerned than a way to actually solve the problems with the project.

What they should have done is halt the project so a true cost-benefit assessment could be carried out, and



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then hold the officials within National Defence who were responsible for the smokescreen accountable. Whether the F-35 fighter jets are worth the new price tag of \$25 billion has never been determined by Parliament. It’s only fair that the new cost should get a fresh assessment. On top of that, letting the officials within National Defence who actively suppressed information about the issues with the proposal get away with it sets a dangerous precedent. It suggests that officials can be misleading to Parliament and the public without repercussions so long as the proposal has support of the government.

Conservative MPs had a majority on the parliamentary committee and used it to shut down hearings after only seven hours, despite anger from opposition members. Stephen Harper’s government has certainly been aggressive about its commitments to defence but this kind of

maneuvering flies in the face of accountability. Despite the Auditor General Michael Ferguson’s investigation, which revealed a coordinated plan within National Defence to hide the true cost of the project, the government’s parliamentary committee just tried to brush the whole issue under the carpet.

Their failure to fix the problems with the proposal only further taints the F-35 project. Every step of the way, the proposal has been shrouded in lies, misinformation and politics. The Conservative Party has fought hard for the project despite the budgeting and accountability concerns. This is somewhat par for the course for Stephen Harper’s government, which has made a habit of appeasing supporters with terrible policies and even worse politics. We saw it with the expensive crime omnibus, and Harper’s national defence policies certainly follow suit.

Fighting for over-the-counter female contraceptives a capital cause



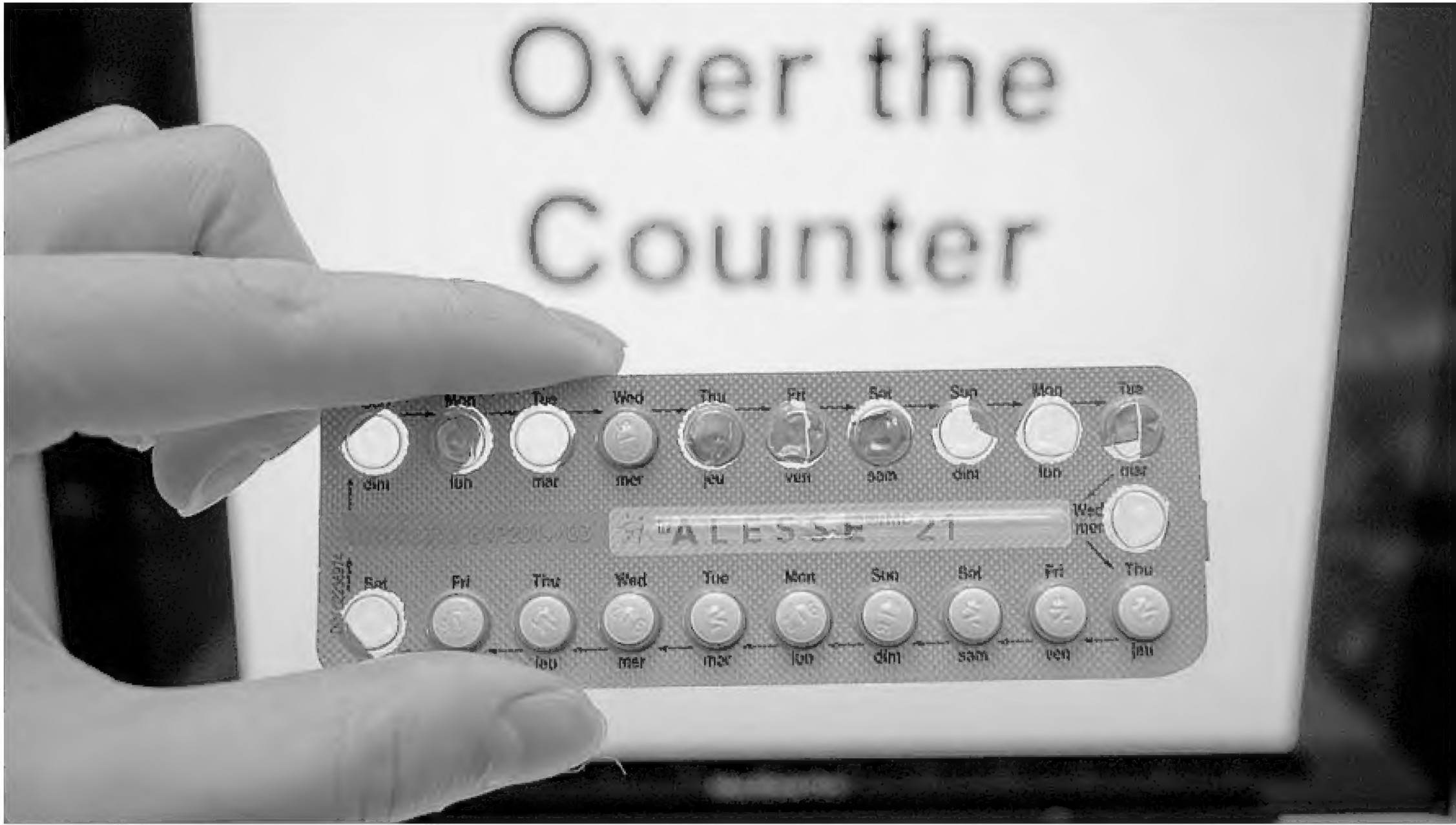
Lindsay Moore
OPINION WRITER

Safe sex will never have been more accessible for women of all ages if female birth control is sold over the counter — an idea recommended by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Although this proposed change only affects American women, the decision could change the way female birth control is handled in countries across the world.

The concept of over-the-counter contraception without the need for a prescription has been floating around for years. While morning-after medication is purchasable over the counter by individuals in certain areas, birth control pills are not as available. If they can’t get a prescription, birth control seekers have to turn to other, potentially less safe methods.

Thankfully, health associations like the FDA and the ACOG have realized the necessity of changing some of the drug administration rules.

People who disagree with the



DON'T WANT BABIES Selling birth control over the counter will help more women make better choices. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: CLAUDINE CHUA

proposed changes speculate it could lead to an increase in sexual activity, which could bring about other problems, like the spread of sexually transmitted infections.

However, allowing women access to a fairly effective method to prevent unintended pregnancy is a wonderful advancement for many reasons.

It can be difficult to make time to visit your family practitioner

with work, classes and a busy social schedule. Without a family doctor, a long wait at the hospital is required in order to acquire the prescription that only takes a minute to fill out. What causes even more problems is that some doctors can only prescribe so many birth control sets at a time — therefore, frequent trips are necessary. It would be easier to walk into the nearest pharmacy and pay for a

set when the need arises.

With the possible changes in drug regulation, acquiring this form of protection would be nearly effortless and would give doctors more time to attend to patients that have more serious medical conditions.

In addition, despite the amount of “protection” already provided to the general public, there are still issues centred around involuntary

pregnancies. Condoms are not 100 per cent effective, and without a backup plan, things can take a turn for the worse quite quickly. It’s fantastic that women could have easier access to control over their bodies.

Moreover, there are many uses for the birth control pill other than preventing pregnancy. Many women use this medication for regulating painful side effects of menstruation as well as for treating certain medical conditions like menstruation-related anemia and infections in the female reproductive glands. It has also shown positive side effects in the prevention of cervical cancer. Countless young women are prescribed the pill because of its acne-limiting benefits. Therefore, making this form of contraception more available is not only beneficial to sexually active partners, but also to women struggling with physical ailments and inconveniences.

Some companies have expressed concern over the costs that this change in drug administration will have, but many groups agree that it’s necessary.

As long as pharmaceutical companies can figure out a way to accommodate for the financial modifications that would be involved with this change, having safer sex could be even easier to manage



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A guide to surviving the crazy Christmas shopping season



Kate Black
OPINION STAFF

If you were dedicated enough to brave the crowds last week for Black Friday, you're probably just getting warmed up for the crazy Christmas sales. You're probably a self-described "Coupon Queen" or "Recessionista," and are committed to saving money — you don't care if you risk your life while doing it. Christmas shopping could very well be one of the most dangerous things you do this year, and I'm here to make sure you don't become one of the fallen soldiers on the festive battle grounds of Wal-Mart or Target.

Before you start your shopping trip, remind yourself how completely necessary it is to risk your life for the sake of buying Christmas presents. Of course your mom needs that new blender. You'll never regret buying that elliptical for your significant other! Sure, there are hundreds of charities begging for your donations outside of malls, but they're below you. There are people in your immediate community that struggle to put meals on their tables, let alone buy a flat-screen TV to put under their tree — but who cares? You're getting yours for half-price. Remember: the mission you're about to embark on is important and has the potential to be incredibly dangerous, so hike up your elastic waistband sweatpants and let's get down to business.

Most injuries that happen during chaotic Christmas sales are caused by being trampled by human stampedes. Normally, stampedes happen because people are fleeing a legitimate threat of danger, like a flood, or a fire or something. In this case, those among you are driven purely by the need to save money, so you'll be dealing with a crowd of a different breed. So if you find yourself trapped in a tight bind with fellow shoppers, try to crowd surf your way



JINGLE HELL Christmas shopping can be a nightmare. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: HEATHER RICHARDS

to the front of the angry mob. Not only will this make you look like the rock star you are, but you'll be able to scope out sales from far away.

Now, if you feel as if your sheer body weight is impossible for those around you to lift — who has time to go to the gym when there are sales to be had, anyway? — use this to your advantage and become a human steamroller. Aim low, and take out as many kneecaps as possible.


When competing for the last item on a shelf, avoid physical altercation by making yourself as unapproachable as possible. Adopt the appearance of a territorial wild animal. Look deep into their soul with unblinking eyes. Hiss and speak in tongues. Tell them that you need this item to help feed your colony of slaves, then cover your body in butter and pretend to be a slug on the linoleum floors. If you try your best to resemble Nicolas Cage from any of his weirder movies, nobody is going to want to come near that chic

and affordable Tupperware set you snagged from the sales rack.

And remember: if all else fails, cry. Cry ceaselessly and aggressively. Sure, you've probably cried in front of someone before, but have you ever cried at someone? Weep for the money that you couldn't spend. Weep for how your relationships will fail and your well-being will disintegrate because of the things you cannot buy. I know you normally find it appropriate to unload these feelings to the person sitting next to you on the bus, but by making competing shoppers' hearts bleed, you won't have to worry about them trying to kill you.

As fatiguing as it is that we live in a society where going to the mall to spend our hard-earned money on presents for our loved ones is potentially life-threatening, we must keep in mind that this is a saintly quest. Never forget that you are doing God's work, and shop on, valiant consumerist crusader, shop on.

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Colds should be illegal during midterms.

At the beginning, I always say "this is going to be my best semester ever", and then it always ends up being my worst semester.

My dear Criminology class... rate-myprof. You know what I mean. ;D

The things I would do to you rob if you were gay..... :(

Butts

The entire 'Gateway' or just '3LF's'? The same.

My girlfriend and I had 10 great years together. Then we met.

If you're one of those people who eats an apple in class, there are things I want to do to you. They're all quite violent, and end badly (for you).

Nothing's ever new,

My life lacks experience;

I need adventure.

#HMD

dat ass

COITUS!

You were thinking it.

For shame, staff of the Wanderer, at least wipe up after yourselves when you're done circle jerking. It's only courteous to not spread all that self-congratulatory jizz around!

Zero individual is really worth your own cry, nicely a person that is garnered enable you to be rallying cry.

Being confident is great. Being an arrogant twit is not.

Shit and fuck and tits.

I hate when university interferes with my fantasy football studies.

finals are a comin. I better lube up the olde A-hole

Mad dash to finals,

Caffeine hurries through the veins,

Social life depletes.

Please talk to me, not at me. If you were actually interesting you would be somewhere else.

Vaginas.

You're more bipolar than aldehyde.

Coldness is sadness

Damn you, scrotal lesions!

Everything Beautiful is far away

Like oh my gosh like this like that like whatever... WOW HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU HAVE TO SAY LIKE?!

I swear profs must scheme together to make us suffer more.

Bazinga!

forestry students should find a way to trim some of the bush in the gym change rooms

best toilet on campus for a little diarrhea? thinking of tryin' some mexi fries next week!

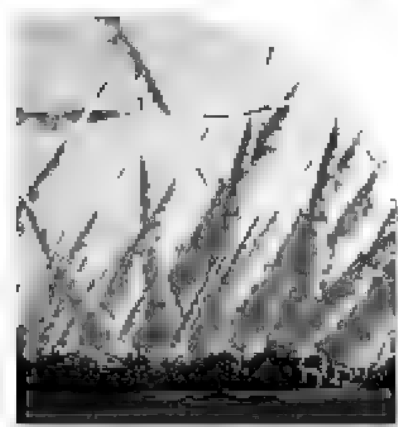
Those boys looking to experiment with a gay man... Come to me I'm open

It should be a requirement that students learn how to walk properly down hallways before attending university. Out of my way, you stupid fucks.

Beatsticks required for submissions.

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Some real-life bad guys to take on the suave James Bond



**Opinion
Staff**
GROUP COMMENTARY

Let's face it, *Skyfall* is awesome. But what real life characters could be cunning enough to go up against James Bond? *The Gateway* has compiled a list of potential real-life villains.

Michael Ross

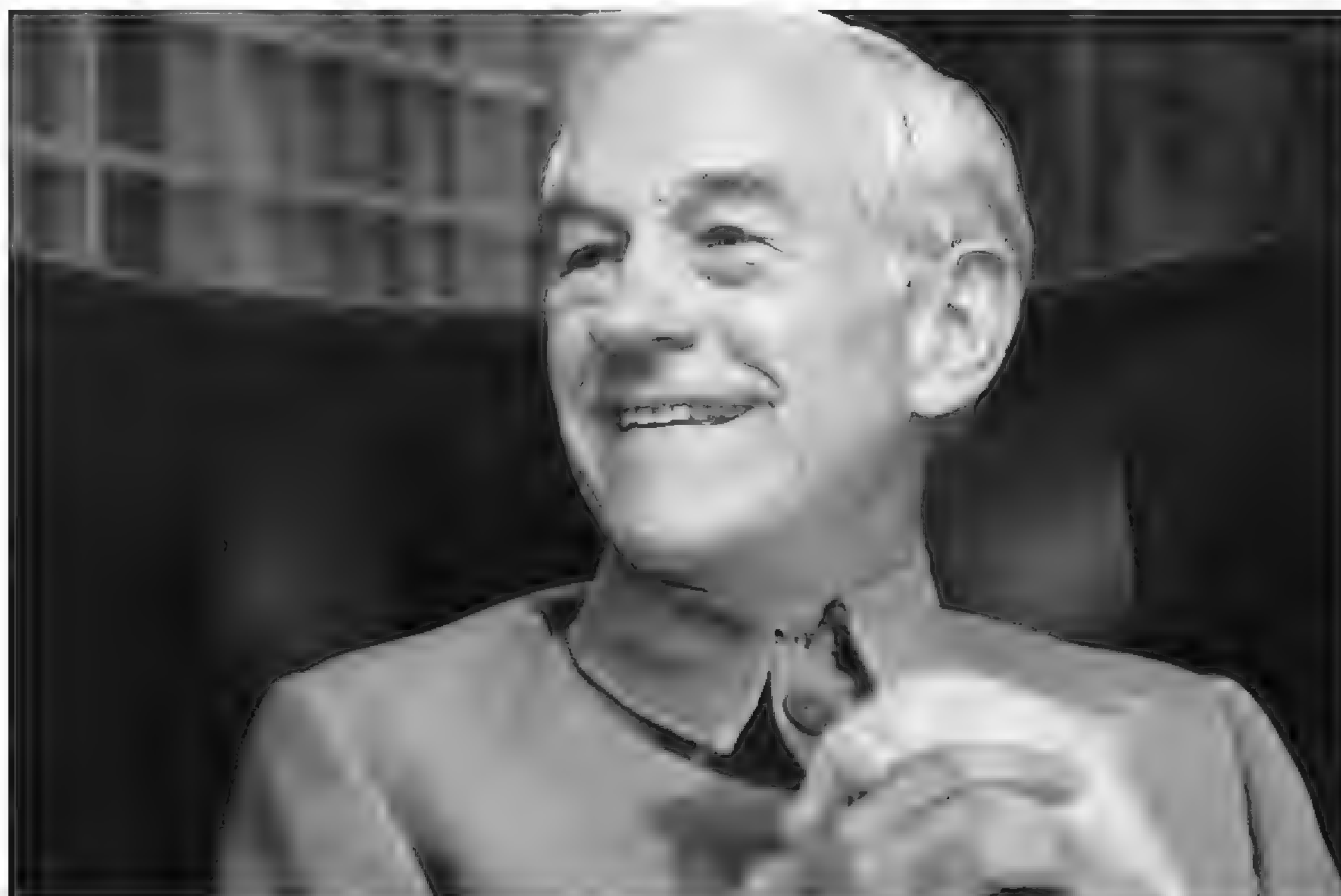
The best Bond villains always have extraordinary resources, a weird physical ailment and a backwards plan to take over the world. Considering these standard qualifications, I think a promising candidate for the next Bond villain is none other than Charlie Sheen.

I want to be clear here — I don't think he would be the best for the role of villain, I think he himself should be the villain. First of all, after making more than \$1 million per episode of *Two and a Half Men* I'm sure he'd be able to purchase as many henchmen and explosives as he could ever want. And while mental instability and substance addiction aren't really as cool as crying blood or complete insensitivity to pain, I'm sure his personal issues are enough to grant him a little bit extra depth of character.

The best plans for world domination are always the ones nobody suspects, and after all his craziness you might think he's the last person you'd expect. And the 'goddesses' he's constantly surrounded by would make perfect Bond girls. Need I say more?

Annie Pumphrey

He's big. He's a dog. And his fur is as red as the communist flag. James Bond has faced his fair share of villains: Red Grant, Ernst Stavro Blofeld, and Le Chiffre, to count a few. However, all of them are hindered by the same flaw: they're



STROKE THAT LIBERTARIAN PUSSY If Ron Paul killed Bond and took over the world, we would be happy. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: ROSS VINCENT

human. James Bond needs a new challenge, and Clifford the Big Red Dog is undoubtedly the perfect fit for the series.

His plan is simple: to spread communism throughout America, starting with the children. Clifford the Big Red Dog uses books, television shows and movies as propaganda to brainwash young Americans into supporting his political agenda. His power lies in his appearance: the soft eyes and lolling tongue give him an air of friendly innocence, allowing him to gain the trust and support of all Americans. No one would ever expect a dog to be evil, — especially not such an adorable dog. Just look at his face. If it so happens that someone speaks up against Clifford, he imprisons them in his doghouse. Or he just steps on them, because he can do that. He is Clifford, the Big Red Dog, and no one can defeat him.

Joel Aspden

When I think of the perfect Bond villain, I don't think of an outdated,

laser-beam or golden-something villain. Instead, I think of an evil antihero who would be the greatest threat to our world the way it is today. The evildest of all villains is Oprah Winfrey — just read the signs. She's essentially going to take over the world in three steps.

Step One: She will woo us with her money and "kindness" by establishing charities dedicated to standing up for basic human needs and dignity. This part's already done.

Step Two: She gives everyone in North America a new car — rigged with explosives. And due to the fact that we all practically drink gas and oil, we kindly accept the offer, and traffic blocks the street.

Step Three: She blows up all of North America at once — except she doesn't actually do it because James Bond steps in and kicks her off of an insanely high statue, building or cliff.

Thank you, 007, for saving the world's more indulgent and greedy people on Earth. You really did the world a solid this time.

Adrian Lahola-Chomiak

Bond villains are usually borderline crazy and driven by wild ideologies. If there's one person in society today who can fill that role it's certainly Ron Paul.

Ron Paul has the potential to be one of the greatest Bond villains ever. He has enough of an obsession with gold and economics to be an eerily close homage to Goldfinger. But instead of breaking into Fort Knox to destroy the global economy he could break into Fort Knox to destroy the global economy by returning the United States to the gold standard.

Just imagine the amazing dialogue that would ensue. Tied down to a comically oversized constitution by Gadsden flags, Bond would say, "Do you expect me to talk?" to which Ron Paul would retort, "No Mr. Bond, I expect you to realize that government is getting bigger alongside the national deficit thanks to wasteful spending while American

business is being neutered by excessive taxation and regulation limiting our freedom."

One thing Ron Paul would have to work on, however, is his image. Right now he just looks like a frail, kind grandfather figure. But if he threw in some fancy suits, cummerbunds and maybe a fluffy white cat for good measure he could stand up to the other villains. If he got a cool lair underneath a constitutional law department he would be totally set. Not many people could live up to the wacky and wonderful reputation of Bond villains, but if anyone has a fighting chance, it's Ron Paul.

Jeremy Cherlet


No shortage of villains throughout the entire James Bond movie mythos have ever failed to remind us how rich, powerful and smart they were, so it makes sense that Donald Trump should be among that elite group. After all, he already has a perfect moniker, and his outlandish hairstyle gives him the unique looks required.

While "The Donald" doesn't have the massive scheme to take over the world as is usually required, he does fit in nicely with the long line of evil masterminds seeking to plate everything in gold. It's fairly certain he has the means to stamp TRUMP — naturally in all capital letters — on everything imaginable. You can already find it on an online "university," perfume, bottled water, suits, chocolate bars, a board game, a failed airline and a handful of other failed business developments with his name on it.

Another important qualifier that Trump has is his plans are almost never successful — and nobody likes a villain who's competent enough to win. James Bond needs to be able to defeat someone while boozing and screwing like a first year student living on their own for the first time.

Trump has definitely got the wealth, ego, connections and hair to be the perfect evil genius. The only thing he's missing is the brain.

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The battle of fruity flavours and tasteless tobacco

Tasty tobacco wont turn children into hardcore smokers

Kids more likely to pick up smoking when it tastes good



Jennifer Polack
POINT

Hey Alberta, are you aware that cigarettes are bad for you? Shocking, I know. By the way, did you know that cigarettes come in flavours like vanilla and chocolate? But get this: they're still just as bad for you as normal cigarettes. Unfortunately, not everyone's as smart as you and me, and unless something is done, flavoured tobacco could become a real problem. It's evil. We should kill it before it kills its unsuspecting victims — almost like regular tobacco does.

Hold that thought. Let's think about this little conundrum logically. Just because the big bad tobacco companies decided it would be an excellent idea to poison smokers by adding delightful flavour boosts of arsenic and tar to their cigarettes doesn't mean that flavoured tobacco is the new voice of the devil. It just makes the bitter taste of nicotine go down a little smoother. It's like putting creamer in your coffee or mixing OJ with cheap vodka. Yes, drinking and smoking are vices and probably not as good for you as antioxidants, but antioxidants don't get you drunk. Sometimes, you just have to have a little faith in humanity's strength to moderate their vices — or at least respect their right to destroy their bodies however they see fit.

For just a moment, assume that the human race is capable of making responsible decisions without the guiding hand of government. Now, if this logical, reasonable and democratic society can decide that smoking cigarettes is one of the ways they want to thank their lungs for keeping them alive all these years, and that's their problem. As long as they're over 18, they can destroy their

alveoli however they want to.

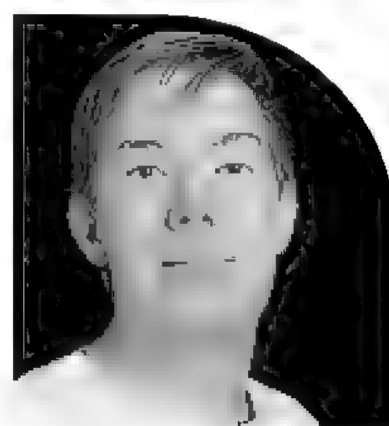
But the real threat of flavoured tobacco doesn't rest solely in the hands of adults. One of the big fears is that if cigarettes taste like bubble gum and cotton candy, then all of a sudden they appeal to children. However, if something tastes like candy it doesn't mean kids will be drawn to it like flies. That's an unfair assumption to make about children and you should be ashamed. If cocaine had pop rocks in it, it doesn't make the actual cocaine "kid-friendly." The responsible parents of the world would step in and say, "No. This is messed up. Please don't market your gutter glitter to my sweet little child."

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If a child or youth turns into a pack-a-day smoker because of flavoured tobacco, blaming government inaction is the automatic, lazy reaction.

Everyone knows that the real blame does not lie with the government, but with the kid's parents. It's not a smoking epidemic; it's a parenting epidemic. But no, since cigarettes can't vote, let's use them as a scapegoat for the rest of society's problems. It's the democratic thing to do.

Don't take my favourite fruit flavoured tobacco away from me. I should have the right to fill my lungs with the sweet aroma of grape flavoured tobacco.



Jeremy Cherlet
COUNTERPOINT

Our provincial government has drawn up plans to combat youth tobacco usage by cutting down on products teenagers like to buy — namely sweet, fruit-flavoured ones. There's also a plan to make it so young people can't easily access tobacco products, as studies done by Action on Smoking and Health, an Alberta health advocacy group, have found it's alarmingly easy for youth to purchase tobacco, despite the existing laws.

The major plank in the new youth anti-smoking strategy is the banning of sweet, fruit-flavoured tobacco products. It's very likely these products are more favoured by youth — they don't smell as strongly, nor do they leave a lasting odor, allowing young users to hide their habits and bypass school and workplace anti-smoking policies. Even though smokeless tobacco products don't cause lung cancer, they still deliver full strength doses of nicotine — which is the active, addiction-causing component in tobacco.

There is no good reason to continue to let these products exist — they are a deliberate attempt by tobacco companies to get young people hooked on nicotine, something many laws are already fighting against. The Surgeon General of the United States says the vast majority of smokers begin by the time they are 18, thus making it an exceptionally high-stakes game for both tobacco companies and health advocates.

Despite what everyone who never tried to use cigarettes to look cool may think, getting tobacco is alarmingly easy for young people. There are currently almost no regulations on who is allowed handle and sell tobacco

products at points of sale, a stark contrast to alcohol, where everyone involved in the sales process has to be at least 18 and usually must complete a safety and responsibility course. The new strategy requires all those selling tobacco to be at least 18, which is common sense. If someone isn't old enough to legally purchase and use a product, they have no business selling and handling it. While some may be inclined to argue that the government is trying to put unnecessary regulations on those selling tobacco, this is far from the truth. Tobacco should be comparable to alcohol in the way it is sold and handled. After all, nicotine is a drug and tobacco usage has many negative health effects.

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Tobacco users often end up costing our taxpayer-funded healthcare system a lot of money, and if the government is going to be paying for our healthcare, they should be doing anything possible to make it cheaper. Preventing young people from starting a tobacco habit is a good area to implement a general tobacco use reduction strategy.

There will be fewer products young people want to buy and won't be as easy for them to get them. As a result, we will see a strong reduction in tobacco use among provincial youth.

Kids shouldn't be tempted by fruity tobacco. They can't make their own choices. Someone has to do it for them.

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Raëlism

If the idea of receiving your end-of-days judgment from extraterrestrials is more comforting than the thought of facing a vengeful god, Raëlism might be a good option. Founded by the former racecar driver Claude Vorihon, who now goes by the name Raël, this UFO cult is known for both its extremely liberal views on sexuality and the remarkable honour of counting several Playboy models as converts, possibly for their commitment to advocating women's rights to be topless in public. You can't make this shit up. They're also very well-organized, have defined free love and anti-war stances and promote an elaborate set of exercises called "sensual massage." Forget worrying about doomsday — you'll probably be too, uh, distracted to even notice the final hours of Earth's existence are counting down.

Pros:

If there's one way to go, this is one hell of an approach — UFOs, fast cars and babes. It almost sounds more like a Will Smith movie than a religion.

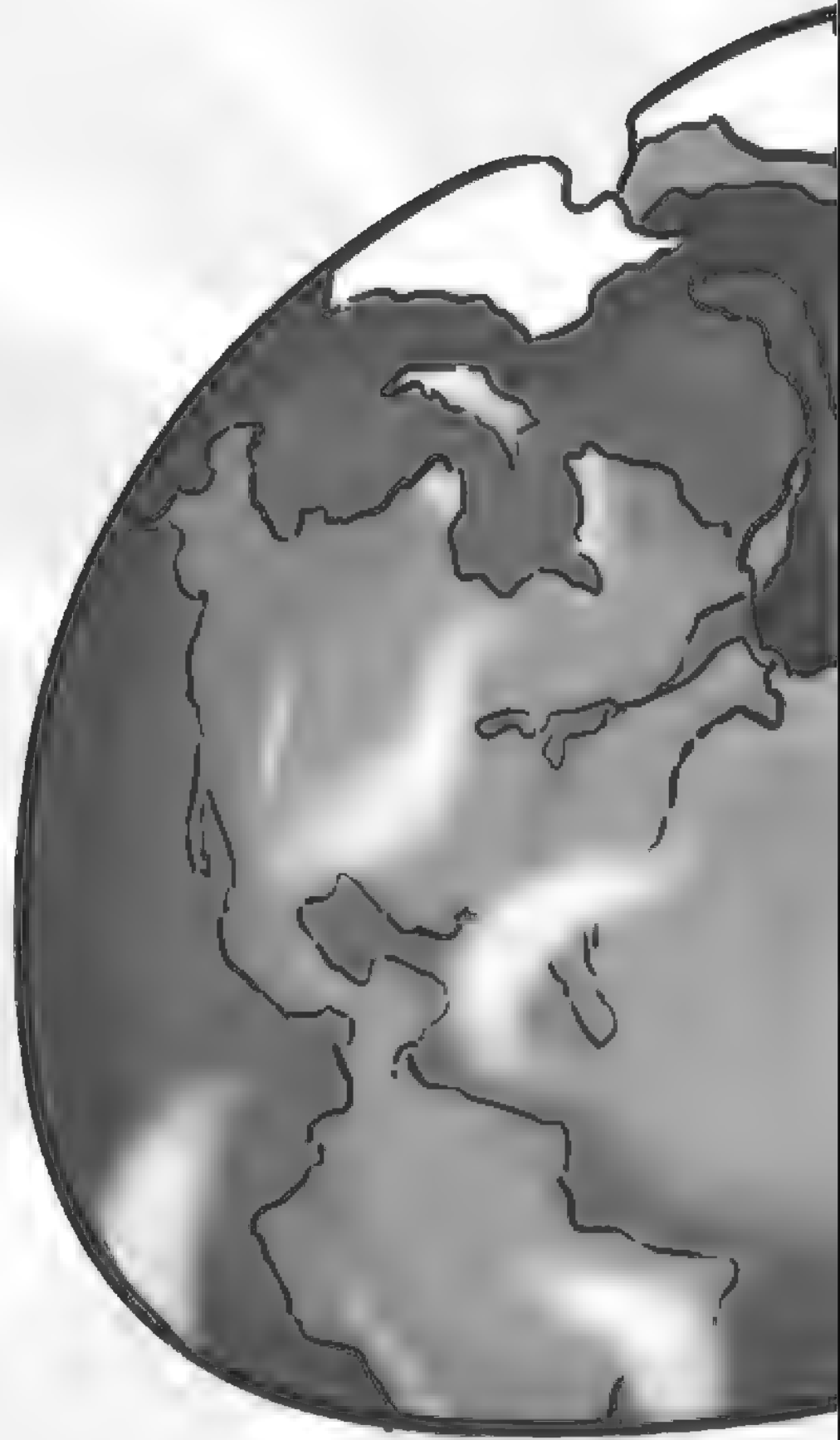
Cons:

If the world doesn't end, a hedonistic approach to your final moments may leave you without your dignity and possibly needing to take a test (of the STI/pregnancy variety).



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It's the final stretch of 2012, the same — the same as last year — probably the same as last year — auto-pilot, with our sights set on the semester and surviving exams,

But we shouldn't forget that 2012 is a big year — possibly the biggest for all of humanity: fast-forward to December 21, 2012, a.k.a. D-day. Doomsday. Done. According to some interpretations of the Mayan calendar, this is the day it's all over for all of humanity. It's a scary idea if you believe in it, but try not to think of it; just turn on your autopilot. It really does help.

Over the past couple years, this end of the world chatter has been a minor story on the news, the internet and the big screen. During that time, there have also been plenty of people out there spreading the news of the final days. It's easy to figure that they're wrong, and anyway, who cares? This is just Y2K part two. Fill your bathtub up with water, buy all the canned mushroom soup your arms can manage and later hold hands with your loved ones as the clock counts down the final seconds of December 20. Then, when nothing happens, wipe the sweat from

Breatharians

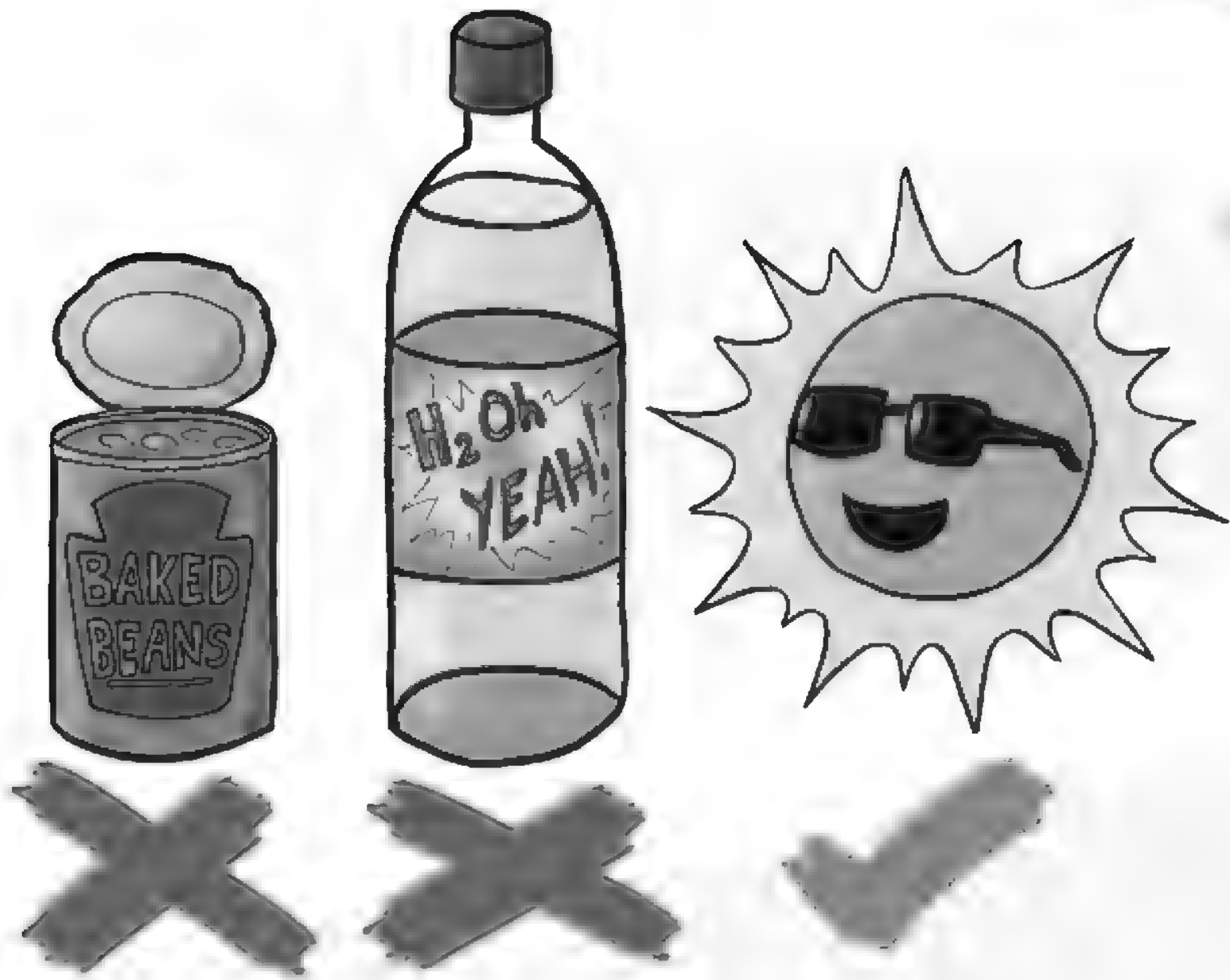
Who says you need food and water to live a long, full and healthy life? If it's the end of the world, science isn't going to be much use to you anyway. Breatharians are into keeping it simple, limiting their consumption to the energy of sunlight alone in order to keep them alive. Sounds delicious. Join up with these guys to keep things simple. There's no reason you need to worry about things like your last meal on earth before your untimely demise — find satisfaction in pure sustenance from the sun instead. On another note, if the end of the world turns the planet into a deserted wasteland with no trace of food or water to be found, you'll be just fine while others whine about their pesky need for nourishment.

Pros:

If you're into crash dieting, you can now blame it on your religion.

Cons:

Although we're sure this works just fine, if on the off chance it doesn't, this could actually make you sick. Like, dead sick — before the end of the world even arrives.



Pana Wave Laboratory

This group is a personal favourite because, simply put, if you want to join an alternative religious group, you might as well go big or go home. Pana-Wave followers refer to themselves the "science fact-ion." They also wear head-to-toe white attire (with white face masks) and drive around in white cloaked vehicles in an attempt to protect themselves from harmful electromagnetic waves that pesky communists were using to harm their leader. Throw in the attempted rescue/abduction of an Arctic seal to postpone the end of the world, and you've got yourself a good time. If we really are just a few weeks away from destruction, there's really nothing to lose. Go all out: put that white jumpsuit on and wear it with pride. If everyone thinks you're crazy, you'll be secure in the knowledge that you are having way more fun than them.

Pros:

Pana Wave Laboratory is found exclusively in Japan, which means you have an excuse to hop on a plane. Also, with a new closet of white robes, the daily morning dilemma of what to wear is averted.

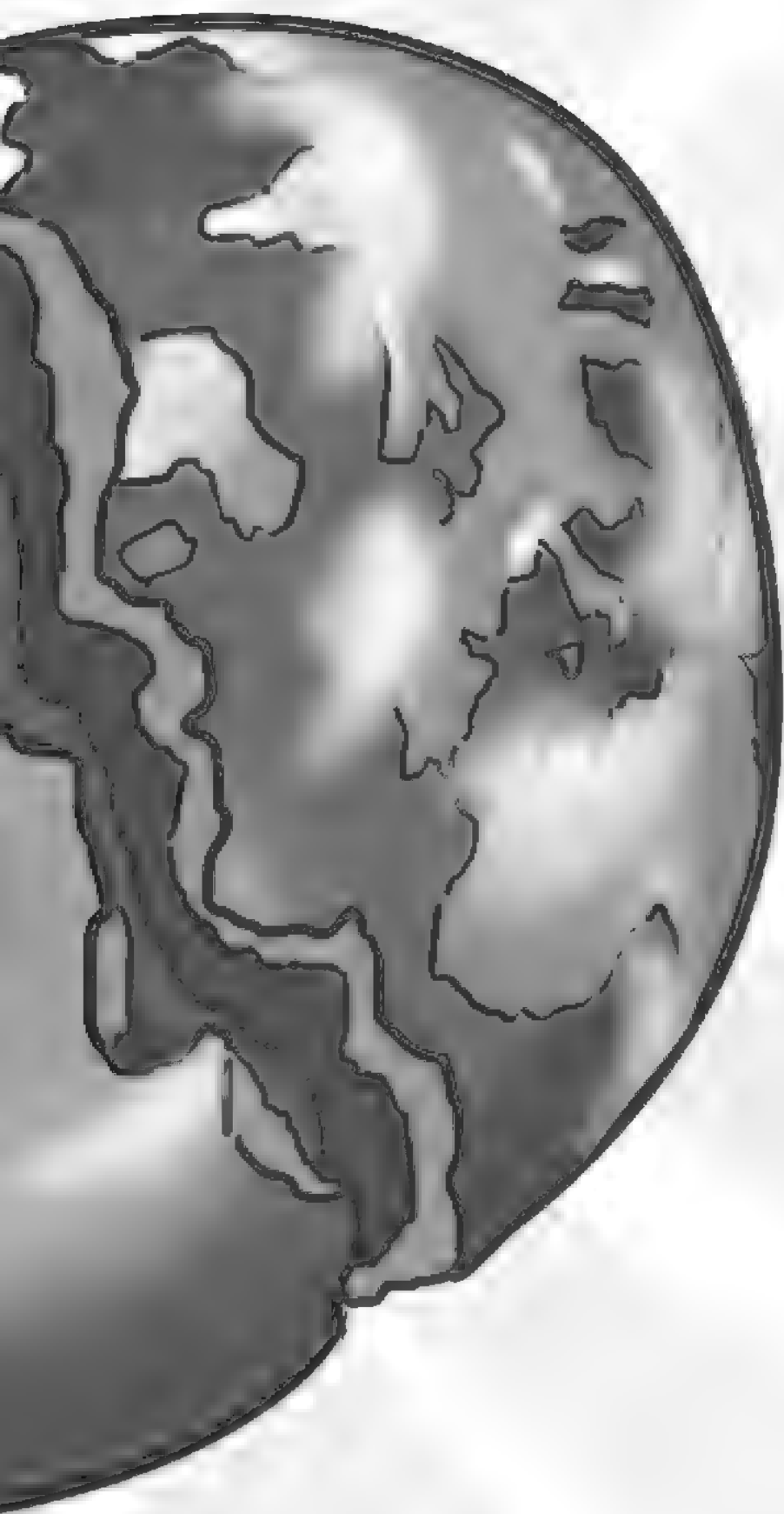
Cons:

The group fizzled out of the media spotlight after the world didn't end (as predicted) in 2003. Compounded with the death of their leader, this group may be a hard one to track down, but it really might be worth trying.



11 Survivor

fringe faith bodes best for the 2012 Apocalypse?



words by Adrienne Thomson
by Stefano Jun and Ross Vincent

and things look pretty much the week, the same as last month and ar. At this point, most of us are on making it through the final weeks of so we can actually live again.

your brow and pretend you weren't worried at all.

But on the other hand, if they are right — if the gears on the clock of time are winding down to destruction — what's next? Maybe you'd rather be prepared. You're a high achiever, and naturally want to give yourself a fighting chance of making it through the golden gates of paradise, if they're out there.

So in preparation for the possible apocalypse of 2012, your friends at *The Gateway* have your back. It's time to get spiritual — but not with the major sects, cults and religions you've already heard all about. We're assuming you've got those covered. It's time to cast the net wide and get serious about increasing your chances with some of the more out there and amazing alternative religious groups. Salvation might be out there for you yet — maybe you just haven't found something you can believe in quite yet.



Wicca

Ever catch yourself wishing the U of A was the U of Hogwarts? Find yourself scouring Beartracks for a class on Parseltongue? Wicca's main selling point is its offering to its followers of a concise and developed philosophy to navigate through life's twists and turns, but let's be honest: the potential to control the natural world with a few fancy spells and potions is the selling point. If the world's going to end, you might want to learn how to turn that frog into a Prince or Princess Charming.

Pros:

You get to learn magic and perform rituals. This is pretty sexy stuff here, people.

Cons:

Wicca beliefs are actually pretty complicated, and it's going to take time for you to figure out what all the symbols and rituals mean. You'll probably also have to deal with magic with some degree of responsibility. Who wants to be responsible when it's the end of the world?

Unification Church

This belief system, founded in South Korea in 1954, is something of a smorgasbord of all your favourite traditional religions, with some other goodies thrown in as well. It's great for someone who likes the comfort of an established religion but wants to try something new. If you're tired of vanilla, this is your mint chocolate chip. This group is perhaps best known for their giant Blessing Ceremonies, in which stadiums full of couples are all married at the same time. Joining up with these guys is a shot at having a real community — and, in fact, a family — to go down with in the earth's final days. You'll never be lonely again.

Pros:

You get along with everyone! Plus, there's no need to convert for the jokes.

Cons:

If you're dreaming of your very own special wedding day with just a few close family members and friends, that's probably never going to happen.



Your very own religious cult

You've always felt like you had some kind of "X" factor. All you need is a good Kijiji ad extolling your commitment to helping your followers survive the apocalypse, a little bit of charm and 12 or so minions — I mean, followers — and away you go! You can save the world. At least, you can save the world you and your followers believe in. We believe in you! There's never been a better time to start a new and crazy project. If you fail, everything is probably going to disappear in a matter of time anyway.

Pros:

You are GOD.

Cons:

Trying to convince your family and friends that YOU are God.

Apocalypse Trivia

If you've instead given up and are just trying to pass the time until the world starts crumbling before your eyes, test yourself to see how well you know the history of past apocalyptic events.

1. How much did Harold Camping spend in the spring of 2011 on billboard campaigns to save "lost" fellow Americans before the Lord's second coming?
2. After 168 years, July 10, 2011 marked the end of the world for which British Newspaper?
3. In 1806, this unlikely British prophet laid eggs on which "The End Is Coming" was written.
4. When William Miller predicted Christ would return on October 22, 1884, thousands of his followers gave away all of their worldly possessions. When Christ didn't appear, what name was the date given?
5. End-times preacher Charles Taylor deserves an "A" for effort after all his failed doomsday predictions between 1975 and 1994 — how many are there in total?
6. Yu-Hsia Chen from the alternative religious group True Way predicted that God would be seen here on March 31, 1998 at precisely 12:01 a.m.

Answers
1. \$1 million — his predicted "rapture" never came.
2. News of the World
3. The Prophet Hen — this was an elaborate hoax, of course.
4. The Great Disappointment
5. 13
6. A television channel. Note that Chen clarified it was unnecessary to purchase cable service to experience God.

Arts & Culture

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social intercourse

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Paul McCartney

Wednesday, Nov. 28 and Thursday, Nov. 29
at 8 p.m.
Rexall Place (7424 118 Ave.)
Sold out

At 70 years old, Paul McCartney might seem a little old to be touring the world — one can only wonder if the robot rumors are true. Whether or not he actually died in 1969 and has been replaced by an android Beatle, his performances in Edmonton shouldn't be missed. This marks McCartney's first time ever playing in Edmonton, and his stop in our city is one of only two in Canada. Whether he'll play classic Beatles tunes, Wings hits or his newer solo material, the former Beatle is a high-energy performer you'll be able to brag about seeing for years to come.

Attempts on Her Life

Wednesday, Nov. 28 - Sunday, Dec. 2
at 7:30 p.m.
Grant MacEwan University Theatre Lab
(10045 155 St.)
\$10 for students at tixonthesquare.com

Grant MacEwan's Theatre Program presents *Attempts on Her Life*, an experimental theatre piece that follows unnamed characters through unknown locations as they investigate Anne, the unseen, enigmatic central character. The unconventional play is a post-modernist effort to explore late 20th century obsessions and challenge audience expectations of what exactly constitutes a play. Show your support for fellow Edmonton university students and try to follow the jigsaw puzzle production as it winds through monologues and music to seek out simple answers to difficult questions.

Jay & Silent Bob Get Old - The 99th Show

Starring Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes
Sunday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.
Myer Horowitz Theatre (SUB)
\$58 at primeboxoffice.com

Hetero-life-mates Jay and Silent Bob have captured more than a few imaginations with their hilariously endearing charm over the years. The fictional characters, played by Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes, have appeared in several films together, including *Clerks*, *Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back* and *Clerks II*. First famous for selling marijuana in front of a convenience store, the characters have graduated from stoner films and now work on weekly podcasts together where they discuss plenty of crude but hilarious topics. Now recording the 99th episode of their current podcast series *Jay & Silent Bob Get Old*, this is one comedic adventure you won't want to miss.

The Invisible War

Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.
CAB 377 (University of Alberta)

Amnesty International's Edmonton and U of A chapters have teamed up with Hollaback Alberta and ConsentED to bring a free film screening to campus. *The Invisible War* is a new documentary that looks into the hidden epidemic of sexual assault in the US military. While it tackles tough issues, the film has scored impressive critical ratings with an exploration of a topic that desperately deserves publicity. The screening is a prelude to International Human Rights Day on Dec. 10, which will include letter writing for human rights cases around the world.



BLAKE LOATES

Local vendors getting crafty at 13th Royal Bison Craft & Art Fair

EVENT PREVIEW

The 13th Royal Bison Craft & Art Fair

WHEN Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2 from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
WHERE Cosmopolitan Music Society in Old Strathcona (8426 Gateway Blvd.)
HOW MUCH \$2 admission

Danielle Carlson
ARTS & CULTURE WRITER

With Edmonton's appetite for local fairs and farmers' markets growing daily, the Royal Bison Craft & Art Fair is returning to showcase some of the city's most engaging artists and designers. The biannual event has quickly become one of the most popular crafts fairs in the city since its 2007 creation, and brings with it an atmosphere that few other Edmonton fairs can match.

While the Royal Bison is a great opportunity for vendors and shoppers alike, no one's more enthusiastic than one of the Royal Bison's organizers and curators, Vikki Wiercinski. The graphic designer and artist, who also works as the Ad/Graphic Designer at *The Gateway*, has been running the fair with jeweler Jeanie Andronyk since the Bison's founder Raymond Biesinger moved to Montreal in 2010, and it's grown impressively under their watchful eyes.

"I really love giving back to the art community this way," Wiercinski says with a smile. "It's a really great opportunity for a lot of people to come together."

When choosing from its applicants, the Royal Bison supports all things Edmonton-based while trying to have as much variety among the artists and their work as possible. With

traditional craft fair items ranging from jewelry and fashion to children's toys and knick-knacks, the fair also has its share of unorthodox items as well.

This season, the fair will feature kitchenware and cutting boards from OnOurTable by Geoffrey Lilge, an industrial designer whose work has caught the attention of publications like the *New York Times*, and handmade shoes by leather worker Greg Morgan of Ryaton Leather. There will even be a 25-cent View-Master peepshow of art slides at this winter's fair, further demonstrating the creativity of local Edmontonians.

"There is always space for new people in the fair ... We always want to show the best and the newest of what's going on in Edmonton."

VIKKI WIERCINSKI
ROYAL BISON CRAFT & ART FAIR ORGANIZER

While the wide range of eclectic items speaks to the fair's special nature, Wiercinski is also proud of the way the Royal Bison breaks the mold of typical crafts fairs by being a unisex event. In addition to female-focused items like jewelry, the fair offers products geared specifically towards men like bow ties and moustache wax. There will also be several photographs and art prints done by male designers at the fair.

"We try to have a lot of stuff for guys, and we try to take on as many guy vendors as we can because crafting is a really female thing, and I don't know if it has to be," Wiercinski muses. "A lot of our series of arts prints and photographers are all guys, and I think that's really important because it can get very girly very fast. We try to be a little quirkier."

The Royal Bison provides great exposure for all vendors and artists at the fair, with some

even getting wholesale opportunities out of it. By selling directly to the customers, vendors also stand to make a better profit without external retailers getting in the way. This, combined with the fair's low table fees, are what have set the Royal Bison apart from other craft fairs in the city, causing the number of applying vendors to increase exponentially over the years.

Unfortunately, this rise in popularity means the fair can't accept everyone who applies. With almost 400 vendors applying to be part of the Royal Bison this season, the organizers were forced to turn away most, accepting a total of 76 vendors. With more interested applicants applying every year, the organizers are tasked with the difficult job of deciding who gets coveted table space, creating a balance between veteran vendors and fresh faces.

"There is always space for new people in the fair," Wiercinski affirms. "But that's now starting to mean that people who've been in it a lot before might not get in again, so we have a kind of balancing act in what we show. We always want to show the best and the newest of what's going on in Edmonton."

The organizers are considering using a larger venue for next year's winter fair so that more vendors can be included, though Wiercinski says that any moving decision will involve the vendors, who she calls "the backbone of everything." But as an opportunity for artists to proudly display their work at a prominent local fair, the Royal Bison has earned itself a permanent spot in the hearts of the locals for its dedication to promoting the interests and creativity of local artists and designers over everything else.

"I love seeing people making stuff," Wiercinski says. "You know that everybody who showed up at the fair has been sitting in their basements for months crafting away. They come home after work and instead of watching TV, they go make stuff, and I love that."

"I see the creativity that Edmonton has and it just warms my heart."

Atheism and afterlife through the eyes of the *Bengal Tiger*

Studio Theatre probes existential beliefs during wartime in latest production

THEATRE PREVIEW

Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo

WRITTEN BY > Rajiv Joseph

DIRECTED BY > Sandra M. Nicholls

STARRING > Brett Dahl, Daniel Frederick Kent Fernandes, Angelique Panther, Ben Gorodetsky, Marina Mair-Sanchez and Matthew Yipchuck

WHEN > Runs Thursday, Nov. 29 - Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m., preview on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m., matinée on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 12:30 p.m. No show on Sunday, Dec. 2

WHERE > Timms Centre for the Arts (87 Avenue & 112 Street)

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Justin Andrade

ARTS & CULTURE STAFF

In the middle of a battlefield, it doesn't matter who you are — the fight to stay alive is universal. But in the midst of a crisis, there's often an inner battle that goes on as well, involving questioning one's existence and the meaning of life. Throughout *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo*, American soldiers, Iraqi citizens and a guilt-ridden tiger are all troubled by these very same feelings, battling existential issues as they fight for their lives in a war-torn zone.

In *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo*, playwright Rajiv Joseph wrestles with these questions through the viewpoint of the Tiger. Transported from the dense forests of Bengal to the Baghdad Zoo in Iraq, the Tiger witnesses the United States' invasion of Iraq in all its destruction. Driven by hunger and fear, the Tiger bites the hand of Tom, one of the soldiers guarding the Baghdad Zoo, and is subsequently shot by Kev, another soldier. Now a ghost, the Tiger begins to haunt Kev and wander the ruined streets of Baghdad, observing the sometimes horrific actions of the US soldiers and Iraqis as he reflects on his own nature and beliefs.

It's the tiger's death that acts as the catalyst for the play, forcing him to re-examine his atheist beliefs and embark on a tumultuous journey of self discovery. The universality of this personal journey is why Angelique Panther, who plays the tiger, thinks her character is the perfect "bridge into the play" for the audience to follow.

"(The Tiger) asks the questions that we all ask: 'Why am I here? What is the meaning of this? Am I supposed to accomplish something?' After he's killed, it's a whole different realm of questioning and a whole different meaning he is forced to find for himself. There's a lot of questioning of his own nature — being a predator in nature, being a hunter and killing other living beings to feed himself," Panther explains.

This line of self-questioning leads the tiger to reflect on the allegedly evil acts he's committed, like killing two children in Bengal. Seeing the bombed out city and the war, with death and chaos going on around him, he rejects atheism and concludes that Baghdad is hell and that he's been sent to the war-torn city as



GRIFF CORNWALL

punishment for his predatory nature. And while it's not an explicitly religious play, *Bengal Tiger* deals heavily with the influence that religion can have over a person when they're in the middle of a personal crisis.

"The tiger comes face to face with the religious aspects of the play and questions, 'Why are you praying to God in the middle of this mess? There's war going on, people are being burned to death, people are being bombed, the society you find yourself in is being ruined by war and yet you're calling out to God for help.'

"(The Tiger) asks the questions that we all ask: 'Why am I here? What is the meaning of this? Am I supposed to accomplish something?' After he's killed, it's a whole different realm of questioning and a whole different meaning he is forced to find for himself. There's a lot of questioning of his own nature — being a predator in nature, being a hunter and killing other living beings to feed himself."

ANGELIQUE PANTHER
TIGER, *BENGAL TIGER AT THE BAGHDAD ZOO*

"(He) comes forward with an argument for atheism, like 'Is what you're doing really helpful, does it really even exist?' And in the journey, the tiger finds himself questioning well, maybe there is a god and maybe I should start believing in him because that would be my way out of this purgatory. That would be my salvation, my atonement — to actually believe that God really exists. It's an element of people trying to control things. People trying to be God, to be the creator and destroyer of things."

And while a tiger is an unusual vehicle to explore topics like religion and the meaning of life, having the story seen through the eyes of an animal creates an interesting perspective that's rarely seen on the stage, casting a new light on how audiences may come to understand the existential questions and the nature of violence the play explores.

"It's just very ironic (that) the audience gets to witness the war through the eyes of a tiger," Panther says. "That in itself forces the audience to come face to face with a lot of

questions of violence (because it's) through an animal — and not just any animal: the biggest predatory cat in the world, one of the most powerful, feared animals in the world — and he finds himself terrified of the afterlife. It gives a whole new interesting perspective of war, and it gives the audience the opportunity (to compare) their own nature with the nature of animals.

"It's a very heavy journey the tiger finds himself in, and he takes the audience with him in this journey."

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ENGINEERING II



GATEWAY: > Describe what you're wearing.

PETER: > This is just an old dress jacket for hockey from when I was 15. My girlfriend bought me this scarf the other day from The Gap, and the shoes are from Atmosphere.

GATEWAY: > Do you have any winter fashion tips for guys?

PETER: > Scarves. I don't know much about fashion, but I see a lot more guys wearing scarves and I've given them a go for the first time. It's my first week and I like it. I'll keep on wearing it while it's cold.



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Tim Chaisson keeps the East Coast close when on the road

MUSIC PREVIEW

Tim Chaisson

WITH > With Poor Young Things
WHEN > Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m.
WHERE > Myer Horowitz Theatre (SUB)
HOW MUCH > \$9 for students at primeboxoffice.com

Elise Mamet

ARTS & CULTURE WRITER

Tim Chaisson is a young Canadian minstrel, travelling the country with his fiddle, guitar, mandolin and of course his voice. Singing professionally since the age of 14, Chaisson is no stranger to a musician's life, spending much of his time on the road pursuing his craft.

Chaisson admits to enjoying the many hours he spends travelling, but you can tell his heart lies back in his hometown of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. By performing with family and staying with friends instead of hotels whenever possible, Chaisson manages to keep a little bit of his East Coast roots with him whenever he's on tour. He even gets a home-cooked meal every once in a while, which he says "gets you back on your feet again."

"It's tough to leave everyone for a while, but that's just part of life — everyone goes through that. Everyone can relate to leaving somebody or even just people that move away."

TIM CHAISSON
SINGER

By the time he gets to Edmonton on his current tour, he'll have whittled his band down to an intimate duo — just him and his bass-player cousin Koady. And while having a family member with him on the road isn't quite the same as being at home, it helps keep the homesickness at bay.

"Koady and I have been playing traditional music since we were kids. We grew up together (and we) are the same age. We went to school together and played music together all through. So it's good to have somebody like that (on the road with you). I guess you could say it's a comforting feeling when you're away from



home," Chaisson says.

His homeland in the Maritimes may have his heart, but Chaisson says that while touring can be exhausting, his experiences on the road provide even more fuel for his creative fires.

"It's tough to leave everyone for a while, but that's just part of life — everyone goes through that. Everyone can relate to leaving somebody or even just people that move away."

The lyrics on Chaisson's latest album certainly reflect this sentiment, dealing with goodbyes and watching friends go through hard times from afar. For Chaisson, music is all about reaching out to the listener by turning these personal experiences into communal ones.

"You kind of have to sing from an 'I' perspective sometimes ... That

doesn't necessarily mean that it happened to me; I just try to sing it like that so that people can understand them," he explains.

His ability to put himself in the place of the audience is what Chaisson hopes will keep him on the road for a long time to come — an idea he's more than okay with.

"When I'm home for too long, I'm itching to get back out on the road. I love being home so much, but you need to have a good balance. Being on the road for a really long time, it's obviously tiring. But I love it. I love being in different spots and a new thing every day — it's kind of what I look forward to.

"But I do like being stationary, so maybe some day — not any time soon though."

ALBUM REVIEW



One Direction Take Me Home

Columbia Records
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In the here-today-gone-tomorrow world of pop music, One Direction's decision to release a second album less than a year after the first seems more like a calculated business decision than a natural musical evolution. Likely meant to strike while the iron is hot rather than show a more matured or in any way different group, there's little variance between the sound of One Direction's sophomore effort *Take Me Home*

and what we heard on their debut, *Up All Night*.

Still, *Take Me Home* isn't a complete disappointment. In fact, it's pretty much exactly what you'd expect from the follow-up album of a band like One Direction, filled with the same mix of upbeat pop dance songs and quieter soft rock ballads that make tween girls swoon.

At the same time, there's no denying that *Take Me Home* is a

slightly weaker effort. Tracks like "Live While You're Young" and "Kiss You" are catchy and fun to listen to, while "Little Things" is obviously the group's most affecting ballad to date. However, much of the rest of the album varies from cloyingly sentimental soft rock drivel to generic filler party tracks that will fail to interest anyone who isn't already a fan.

Everyone who's heard of One Direction has likely already made up their mind on whether they like the group itself — and by extension, whether they'll buy this album. The problem with *Take Me Home* is that it doesn't do anything different to change those opinions, but instead delivers more of the same — which is great if you're already a Directioner, but makes for a boring album if you're not.



"Some people think that it's sick for a woman of 76 to be this hot. If I see a man that turns me on, I feel vibrations, I feel desire. My mouth is watering, like now, thinking about it."

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Artist blends Aboriginal roots with pop culture

ART PROFILE

Jordan Bennett

WHO > The University of Alberta's Indigenous Artist in Residence

Gail Gallagher
ARTS & CULTURE WRITER

Jordan Bennett, the University of Alberta's first Indigenous Artist in Residence, is bringing new awareness to indigenous art by combining his knowledge of Aboriginal traditions with pop culture references.

An accomplished artist hailing from Newfoundland, Bennett uses a wide array of mediums, including photography, painting, multimedia and performance arts, to try to create a modern-day voice for Aboriginal art. Classifying his work as "multi-disciplinary" or "urban Aboriginal art," Bennett uses materials like antlers, animal sinew, wood, metal and plastic in an attempt to blend the materials of his Mi'kmaq heritage with his art, creating items like skateboards cut into the shape of snowshoes and skateboarding shoes decorated with intricate beading.

"What inspires my work is learning more about my culture — not just my Mi'kmaq culture, but who I

am through popular culture and different references," Bennett explains. "When I come up with an idea, I am automatically relating it to a teaching I had, or something that I want to further culturally. For me, it's just who I am (and) who I've always been. I can't even think outside of that."

Bennett's position as Indigenous Artist in Residence is part of a two-year pilot project at the university and lasts until the end of May 2013. The post allows him to not only create art in a new environment, but also share his knowledge with various faculties through lectures regarding his art technique, style and message.

Bennett believes that Aboriginal peoples are some of the most adaptive in history, and says the purpose of his work is to inform the public of the presence of Aboriginal people in the art world. Hoping to explore and break down stereotypical perceptions of Aboriginal cultures, Bennett notes how companies like Victoria's Secret and American Apparel and logos like the Cleveland Indians and Chicago Blackhawks have attempted to incorporate Aboriginal concepts into their own designs. One of Bennett's current projects involves him beading the Cleveland Indians logo in an attempt to reclaim the image.

"A lot of times, when Aboriginal

art is mentioned, it's in the context of an artifact, something from the past. I like to flip all of these stereotypes on their heads and reclaim it, so that is what fuels a lot of my art," he explains.

"I find amusing how people try to appropriate what takes any culture so long to acquire."

And while he may be the Indigenous Artist in Residence at the U of A, he's also an Aboriginal advocate in many ways. Bennett's artwork promotes Aboriginal political issues as much as his own artistic talents, and by using innovative and modern ways to convey his cause, he makes some people listen who otherwise might not have.

"There is a huge group of us that are breaking away from what people think is traditional. What classifies as this because you can't stay the same forever, so no culture stays the same. There is a group of us that are doing that, pushing boundaries, bringing a lot of political issues to the forefront that trouble Aboriginal people every day."

"(The Aboriginal arts community) is such a huge community, and everyone that is doing it has the same idea. It's collective in wanting to promote our culture — it doesn't matter if you are Métis, Cree or Ojibwa."



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Friday, Nov. 30
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Saturday, Dec. 1
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7 p.m.

Pandas Hockey



Friday, Nov. 30
vs. Manitoba
7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1
vs. Manitoba
6 p.m.

Golden Bears Volleyball



Friday, Nov. 30
vs. Mount Royal
6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1
vs. Mount Royal
7:30 p.m.

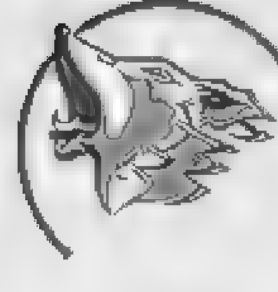
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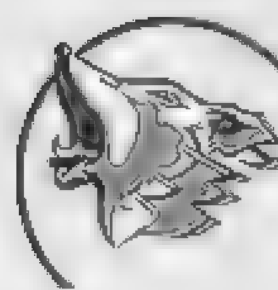


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Bears hope to ring in new year undefeated

VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Bears vs. Cougars

Friday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. and
Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m.
Saville Sports Centre, Edmonton, AB

Andrew Jeffrey

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With an undefeated record that hit double digits this past weekend, the Golden Bears volleyball team has been at the top of the CIS rankings since the start of the season. Now that the team is entering the final weekend of 2012, they have a rare chance to end the first part of their season with an impressive 12-0 record.

The wins have continued to come in dominating fashion for the Bears. The U of A defeated the UBC-Okanagan Heat twice over the weekend in straight sets both nights. In fact, eight of their 10 wins this season have come in straight sets.

"I think definitely the biggest thing is just as a group we're coming together so much better," said fifth-year Golden Bear Mitch Irvine. "We bring a game-like atmosphere, or try to, in all of our game scenario practices. Having the challenge from both sides of the net in our practice relates to playing a really good team on the court. It's pulled together a lot better on the court when we actually get to a game setting."

The Bears have perennially been a strong team, but the potential to end the first half of the season with a perfect 12-0 record would be the team's most impressive start in years. The older players on the Bears know about the team's history of strong starts, but with the 10-0 run to begin the season, fourth-year Golden Bear Jay Olmstead sees the team as being even stronger this year.

"I've been fortunate enough that every year I've been here we've been



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extremely talented. We've always had a close, maybe not 10-0 start, but similar record to this," he said. "Every year we've been deep, but this year we've had so many good players, it's hard for a coach to even pick who's dressing — it changes from weekend to weekend."

But head coach Terry Danyluk and his players are still looking for ways for the Bears to improve. Irvine himself has entered this season with a different mindset in approaching each game the team plays.

"My biggest thing is taking it game-by-game and thinking we need this game to get to the final," Irvine said. "I've always had the national final on my mind every single game, and

nowadays I'm thinking we need each step to get there. I think that's been our goal: just focusing inch by inch. Hopefully we can get the results to get where we need to be, but without the little things happening, we're not going to get to our endpoint."

The Bears' opponents this weekend will be the Mount Royal University Cougars, the newest team to the Canada West conference, who entered CIS this season after being one of the top college teams in the CCAA. As the Bears take on a young MRU team that has surprisingly hovered around .500 this season with a 4-6 record, the Bears know not to take their opponents for granted.

They'll especially need to continue

to play their best to finish off 2012, as they'll play some of the other top CanWest teams, such as Brandon, Manitoba and Trinity Western, in the new year.

"I know we'll definitely have a lot of scouting done on (MRU), but in terms of playing them, we have to expect that they have something to prove," Irvine said. "From other people's perspectives, coming up as the number one team in Canada, that's a big target on our backs. They're a team coming into CIS this year, they want to prove something and they're doing really well and they have a strong team."

"We have to keep playing how we have been and not take any teams for granted."

Volley Pandas battle to climb CanWest standings

VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Pandas vs Cougars

Friday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. and
Saturday, Dec. at 6 p.m.
Saville Sports Center, Edmonton, AB

Atta Almasi

SPORTS STAFF

Despite unusual scheduling that saw the volleyball Pandas play games on Saturday and Sunday afternoon this past weekend, the team completed a two-game sweep of the UBC Okanagan Heat.

This solidified the Pandas' position as the third-place team in Canada West heading into Friday's match against Mount Royal University: currently tied with the U of A for the third spot in the conference standings.

"It made for a really long week," two-decade veteran Pandas head coach Laurie Eisler said.

"It was a really weird Friday, not playing. But I think it was really good for our team because when you look ahead to whether it's final fours or hopefully nationals, you play at odd times and on weird days. So it's always good to be tested that way."

The Pandas, who blew past the Heat 3-0 on Sunday, ran into a bit of trouble closing the door against the team the previous day when UBC-Okanagan pushed them to five full sets of volleyball. Eisler sees UBCO's head coach Steve Manuel as a big reason for the team's success and for the Heat's competitiveness in their two games against Alberta.

"I think they have a great leader," Eisler said.

"He's a really solid person and a solid coach. He's going to keep building that program ... That's a program that I expect to see at play-off time for sure."

But as the Pandas put UBCO in their rear view mirror and prepare

for the Cougars from Mount Royal University on Friday, Eisler admits closing out the last four games of the first half of the season at home is a huge advantage for the squad — the Pandas have yet to lose a game at Saville this season.

"I think (playing at home) has just been such a blessing," she said. "Travelling is tough in Canada West this time of year — you never know what kind of weather you're dealing with. We've got some kids that are sick, and it's a tough time in the term. Just to have all the creature comforts of their Edmonton home I think is a big advantage, and we love playing here."

Eisler and her team don't know much about the Cougars, despite playing the Calgary school in the preseason.

But their competitors are armed with a successful 8-2 record in only their first year in the conference, and they present strong competition with players such as MRU rookie opposite hitter Carolyn

O'Dwyer, who's lit up the league, sitting at third place in the conference in kills and points. Eisler expects the Pandas will have to come out with a lot of confidence from the beginning of their first game against MRU if they want to compete next weekend.

As for facing a former Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association school for the second time in as many weeks, Eisler points to the current Canada West standings of UBC Okanagan and MRU as the major reason why critics are mistaken when they argue promoting CCAA-level schools dilutes and reduces the competitive level of Canada West and CIS.

"I think the fact that (the Heat and the Cougars) right now are sitting near the top half of the league would suggest that they're helping the league. There's so many young girls playing volleyball all across Canada, so I think we have the athlete pool to handle the number of teams that are coming in."

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Puck Bears hope to finish 2012 with winning streak still intact

HOCKEY PREVIEW

Bears @ Bisons

Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1
at 7 p.m.
Max Bell Arena, Winnipeg, MB

Andrew Jeffrey
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The Golden Bears hockey squad hit a memorable 10th straight victory on their recent winning streak in the second game of last weekend's series at home, and will now look to end 2012 on a similar strong note by extending their streak to two more games this weekend.

After an impressive 6-2 victory for Alberta, the Bears will travel across provinces to play at the University of Manitoba in a rematch of their opening weekend series of the regular season against the U of M Bisons. In those two games, the Bears found their first two victories of the season, but Bears captain Greg Gardner is too wary of improvements and changes that both teams have made to count the Bisons out in this series.

"I feel like we fixed a lot of the small things that were missing in our game early on," Gardner said. "We know that Manitoba is going to be a good team, and they always put up a good fight — especially in their own building.

"They're a hard-working team and it's a tough rink to play in, so we know that we have to be on our

A-game to get wins in that building. They have great special teams, and defensively they have a lot of depth. If we can get on them early and get a lead, that will help us."

The Bears come into their Manitoba games riding high after a pair of wins over UBC that saw Alberta accomplish their weekend goals to improve special teams enough to keep up with one of the CanWest's best power plays on UBC.

"(Manitoba) is a hard-working team and it's a tough rink to play in, so we know that we have to be on our A-game to get wins in that building."

GREG GARDNER
GOLDEN BEARS HOCKEY CAPTAIN

Looking ahead to the Bisons, the team will have to find the same winning formula that guided them to a pair of victories in the opening weekend of the season.

"One thing that really stood out in the first weekend was our transition play. We were able to dictate the pace out there, and I don't think they were able to keep up with us for much of the game," Gardner said.

"That's one thing that we want to focus on is keeping the puck going north, keep working hard, coming back and helping out in the defensive zone."

But as usual for the Bears this season, their biggest strength continues

to be their impressive range of depth. The team's eight goals against UBC last weekend came from seven different players, while goaltenders Real Cyr and Kurtis Mucha once again split weekend duties, both coming away with a win.

While Alberta's offensive strength comes from many sources, some players, such as top scorers Jordan Hickmott and Johnny Lazo, as well as newcomer Torrie Dyck, stand out on the team.

"One player that's been doing really well is Torrie Dyck," Gardner said. "Coming in, he didn't think that he was going to be playing very much, but with some injuries he was able to step in, and he's been putting up points offensively and also working hard defensively."

Throughout the year, it's always help by committee, and that's something we want to focus on is everyone pitching in. I think that's why we're doing so well right now is we're getting help from everyone in all situations."

While Manitoba has underperformed so far this season from what many expected of them, and their top scorer is tied in the conference with Alberta's fourth-best, the Bears won't be taking their opponents lightly, aiming to head into 2013 with a 12-game winning streak.

With a rematch looming against their biggest rivals, the CanWest's second-place University of Saskatchewan Huskies, they'll want to be as ready as possible to cement their claim as the best team in the CanWest.



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Bears @ Timberwolves, Cougars

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The final weekend of 2012 could prove to be one of the most intriguing for the Golden Bears basketball squad when they play two opponents new to the CIS.

Earlier this season, the Mount Royal University Cougars and UNBC Timberwolves basketball teams joined the Canada West conference. While neither team has a winning record at this point in the year, UNBC has been able to surprise a few teams and eke out a .500 record of 4-4.

"I didn't think Mount Royal or UNBC would be that competitive and they've done well," Bears assistant coach Jon Verhesen said. "UNBC has shocked a few teams. They had a tough early preseason schedule playing a lot of OUA teams, and that definitely helped them. The thing with UNBC is this is a very experienced team. This is the same core group that two years ago won college nationals. This team knows what it takes to win at a level, and then they translate it and play with this arrogance to them that shows on the court, that shows they belong — and they're showing that they do right now."

As for MRU, Verhesen says they were one of the best college teams in Canada before advancing to CIS basketball. The biggest unknown for the Bears against the Cougars will be the fact that they've never played on MRU's home court before. But against UNBC, it'll be a completely new challenge for a Bears team that will only have video to go off as they prepare to face the Timberwolves.

"A team like UNBC is going to be hard to show on video because it seems like they have six little guards that they rotate through, and they



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all can play and shoot threes and give us some trouble," Verhesen explained. "Showing that on video is something, but to experience how quick these guards actually are and how good they can play and how hot they can get shooting the ball is something that's going to be tough."

For the Bears, the key will be maintaining a defence that's currently the best in the CanWest conference. The team also gained a morale boost from the recent return of injured players Rob Dewar and Sahr Saffa.

"Coming into the season, we knew that we were going to be able to put points on the board, but just with our new recruits and transfers, (head coach Barnaby Craddock) made it a real focus that we have to settle in on the defensive end and make sure we're holding teams to 60 or 70 points a game," Saffa said.

"A lot of credit isn't given to someone like Rob Dewar because his numbers might not show it, but he's a big presence for us. When we lost him for a couple of weeks with his foot injury, it was a game changer for us.

Having him back now is definitely something to be happy about."

Saffa admits to still not being completely recovered from a groin injury that's been nagging at him all season, causing him to miss the Bears' first few games. While he's currently playing through the pain, he'll look to rest and heal in time for when the Bears return from their winter break.

For the team as a whole, it'll be important to enter their break with a winning record. The team currently sits at 7-1 after a four-game winning streak that Alberta hopes to stretch to nine before 2012 is over.

"It's definitely important because you go into the Christmas break with a good feeling and confidence in your team that you're able to perform at a high level," Saffa explained.

"It gives the guys a good look at exactly where we sit at as far as standings. It also makes you a little more hungry and determined to give you that extra confidence to come in that second semester with a good attitude to win and continue to progress the way that we are."

U of A swim team makes early CIS splash

SWIMMING ROUNDUP

Nicola Flynn

SPORTS STAFF

Conference and national championships may be a long way off for the University of Alberta's swim team, but the Bears and Pandas have had a busy start to their season already.

So far, the teams have competed in a double meet with Calgary, the Dino Invitational and Rocky Mountain Meet, followed with their most recent competition at the University Challenge Cup and the Canada Cup, a national-level meet. At the University Challenge, both the men's and women's teams ended up finishing second.

From an individual swimming perspective, head coach Bill Humby was particularly impressed with fifth-year swimmer Josh Au's performance in the Dino and Rocky Mountain Meets. Meanwhile, Joe Byram, last year's rookie of the year at the CIS championships, had a strong showing in this year's Dino Invitational.

"It is difficult to compare my times from CIS last year to what I've swam this year, simply based on the time of year," Byram said. "But to compare

to last year at this time, I'm on track to be achieving significant personal bests, all things considered."

Meanwhile, on the Pandas' side, Humby believes that besides the usual veterans, first-year Kendra Chernoff has impressed, with a strong performance at the Dino Invitational that was impressive enough for Humby to call Chernoff one of the best butterflyers in Canada.

"My favourite event is the 100m Butterfly," Chernoff confirmed. "It is the event that I always rank the highest in, it's the perfect length and definitely the most fun."

Many of the swimmers have gotten a good start to their season by already solidifying their qualifying times. That falls in line with the team's usual plan from year to year: to train hard in the early months of the season before tapering off until around the start of this weekend.

"We need to make those qualifying times every year to go to the CIS championships," Humby said. "That's more than a team-type thing, or specific results, it is the most important thing this upcoming weekend that we get our qualifying times, and so everyone is sort of preparing for their

own individual goals."

In the University Challenge Cup, most of the teams came from eastern Canada. With the University of Calgary and UBC not in attendance, Alberta's two biggest conference rivals and the CanWest's perennial powers weren't in attendance, giving the U of A a golden opportunity to take advantage of a more open field than usual. The Bears and Pandas did just that, finishing in second place in both the men's and women's competitions.

Humby and his team were excited to get some U of A swimmers on the podium and impress potential future new recruits for the swim team with their performance, but looking ahead to their future this season, Humby is confident in his team's ability to improve for national championships and world trials in the spring.

"I think we are in a really good place, with lots of room to improve going into CIS, and we've got world trials also at the beginning of April," Humby said, looking forward to the rest of the season. "I think we've got a few swimmers now who've set their sights on making a national team, and can hopefully get to the world championships."

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U of A builds strong wrestling program on local level

WRESTLING ROUNDUP

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Building and maintaining a successful program in any sport isn't easy. For U of A wrestling head coach Owen Dawkins and his athletes, accumulating successful results in the tournaments leading up to the Canada West and CIS championships shows the high expectations they've set for themselves are attainable.

"We've medaled in the last two years so I think I'd be disappointed if we didn't. I don't think we would have reached our goal," said Dawkins on the team's nationals aspirations. "I think we're going to do very, very well. I don't like to make predictions due to injuries and everything else, but I think the way we're progressing, we're definitely a team that everyone knows we're here."

"It's still a work in progress and it's building up to our CanWest and CIS championships ... We're progressively getting better and better each week."

Fresh off a four division sweep of last weekend's Huskie Open at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, the Bears and Pandas wrestlers are competing at a level that Dawkins is comfortable with at this point in the season. He also points out that despite impressive individual performances, the team's success is due to a collective effort by all the wrestlers as a whole.

"I'd like to say it's been an overall team success," said Dawkins. "All of our starters, everyone's been equally



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successful ... The toughest part in our team is everyone is at a different level. We have all our starters ... and every one of them, my goodness, they're all medaling and they're all doing what they're supposed to. We're very, very consistent as a team this year.

"I hate to beat that point, but

we're a team. There are individuals who have won all of their tournaments. Mark Asselstine has won all his tournaments ... Dylan Williams as well. (The Pandas team) has been there for going on their third year together, so it's a little bit more of a solid team ... But overall, our starters are doing their job."

Aside from the personal results of the Pandas and Bears wrestling programs on the mat, coach Dawkins is also excited to see the growth of his sport in general. On a university level, the U of A coach sees the potential for the sport to grow in the CIS.

"There's progression in the

country overall. In CanWest we've had the addition of the University of Winnipeg and we're looking, hopefully, to add the University of Fraser Valley," Dawkins said.

"So the growth is there. I think in Edmonton region, we have to do a better job. Overall in Alberta we have to do a better job. But again, for our university, our level (has) grown exponentially, where we are now considered one of the top university programs in the country."

On the high school and local levels, Dawkins is also hopeful that the sport of wrestling will continue to rise as more kids join up for the sport. The team's role itself is important in building the sport in the Edmonton area and developing programs in the community.

"I teach coaching courses, I run wrestling camps and we have a junior club that has over 100 athletes in it," Dawkins said. "We go out and help in the high schools. We are playing our part in making sure that wrestling is in Edmonton. We have a high school league in Alberta where there's over 1,000 wrestlers wrestling through junior high all the way to high school."

With the development of the U of A's wrestling team as well, wrestling looks to have a bright future in Edmonton, as athletes developed in programs in the community will have the opportunity to eventually compete on a top-level CIS team. Dawkins and his team have set lofty expectations for their own performance and development, but they continue to prove that these goals are achievable.

Puck Pandas hope to reverse recent luck in final weekend of 2012

HOCKEY PREVIEW

Pandas vs. Bisons

Friday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m.
Clare Drake Arena, Edmonton

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The state of Pandas hockey was looking bleak heading into the winter break with the team on the heels of a four-game losing streak. But a win against UBC to end the weekend on a high note gave the Pandas some hope to finish the first half of their season strong.

The team has spent their past three weekend series playing their three main competitors for a Canada West championship this season — Calgary, Regina and UBC — but their final regular season games before the beginning of January will pit them against the University of Manitoba Bisons, a

team they already defeated twice in their season-opening weekend.

Pandas head coach Howie Draper noticed the Bisons' goaltending as a specific problem point for the team early in the season, but said otherwise, the Bisons can be as difficult an opponent as any of Alberta's other conference rivals.

"Manitoba was one of those teams that we got some great goaltending early on in those first two games. They move the puck very well, they work very hard, they're very fast and they think the game well," Draper said.

"One of the things they're lacking is goaltending, so as a result, their confidence has dropped a little bit. They're not putting away as many pucks as they should be and they're finding themselves near the bottom of the league, but I think they're a better team than that."

The Pandas started off the season with an impressive seven-game winning streak, but then hit a recent run that saw them win just two of their past seven contests.

Heading into last weekend's two games against UBC, Draper identified some of the team's problems and attempted to find a way around these issues in their practice time leading up to their games.

"The girls were able to indicate that in two games they felt they played a very strong game. That's what we had been saying throughout that streak of wins, is that we're winning games but we're not playing great hockey."

HOWIE DRAPER
PANDAS HOCKEY HEAD COACH

"The girls are trying hard, but in critical moments there seems to be a lack of focus, or that sense of

determination to complete plays," Draper said.

"We didn't change much in terms of our practice or our focus on too much else, it was more of a gut check kind of a week. We talked a lot about what we needed to do better and we brought things down to basics a little bit more in practice."

Draper is expecting his team to come up against a more refined Manitoba Bisons squad than the one they faced at the beginning of the season.

He described the season-opening series between the teams as "scrambly," but he expects that to change this weekend in the teams' rematch at the Clare Drake Arena. In his mind, the team's play will need to be stronger than it has been all season, whether during their recent losing skid or through their season-opening winning streak.

This isn't much of a change to Draper's approach — even during that Pandas' winning streak to open the season, Draper was thinking about ways the team could improve

to perform at their full potential. Throughout the season, he's been challenging his players to compete at that top potential, which he thinks his players haven't consistently lived up to throughout this season.

"One of those discussions we had this past week, we threw out to the girls how many games they felt they played a complete game, and they were able to indicate that in two of those games they felt they played a very strong game. That's what we had been saying throughout that streak of wins, is that we're winning games but we're not playing great hockey," Draper said.

"Maybe it's a little harder for players to believe that they can be better when they're still winning, but you're going to end up having to pay for having that kind of mentality at some point."

"Hopefully that's a bit of a wake-up call for us and we can move forward knowing that we've got to be better every time we're in a one-on-one battle and every shift, every period, every game."

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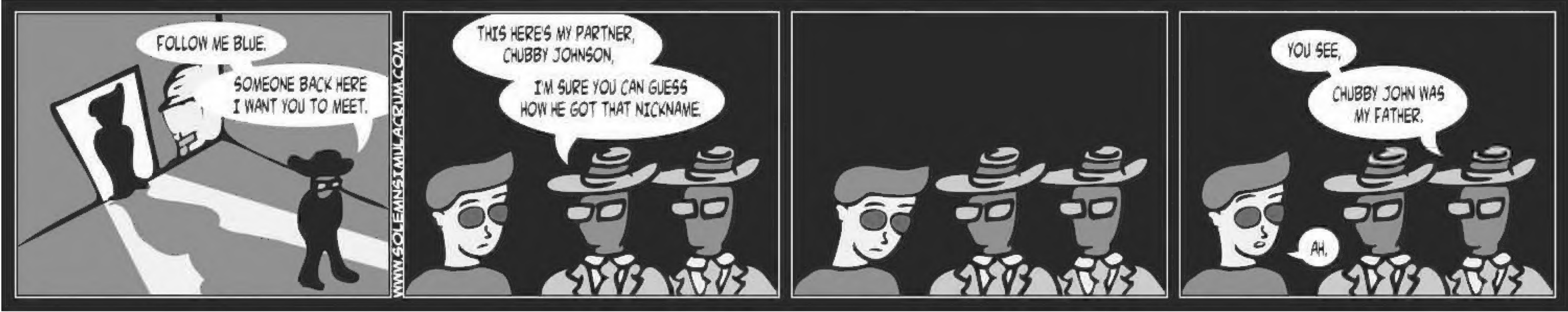
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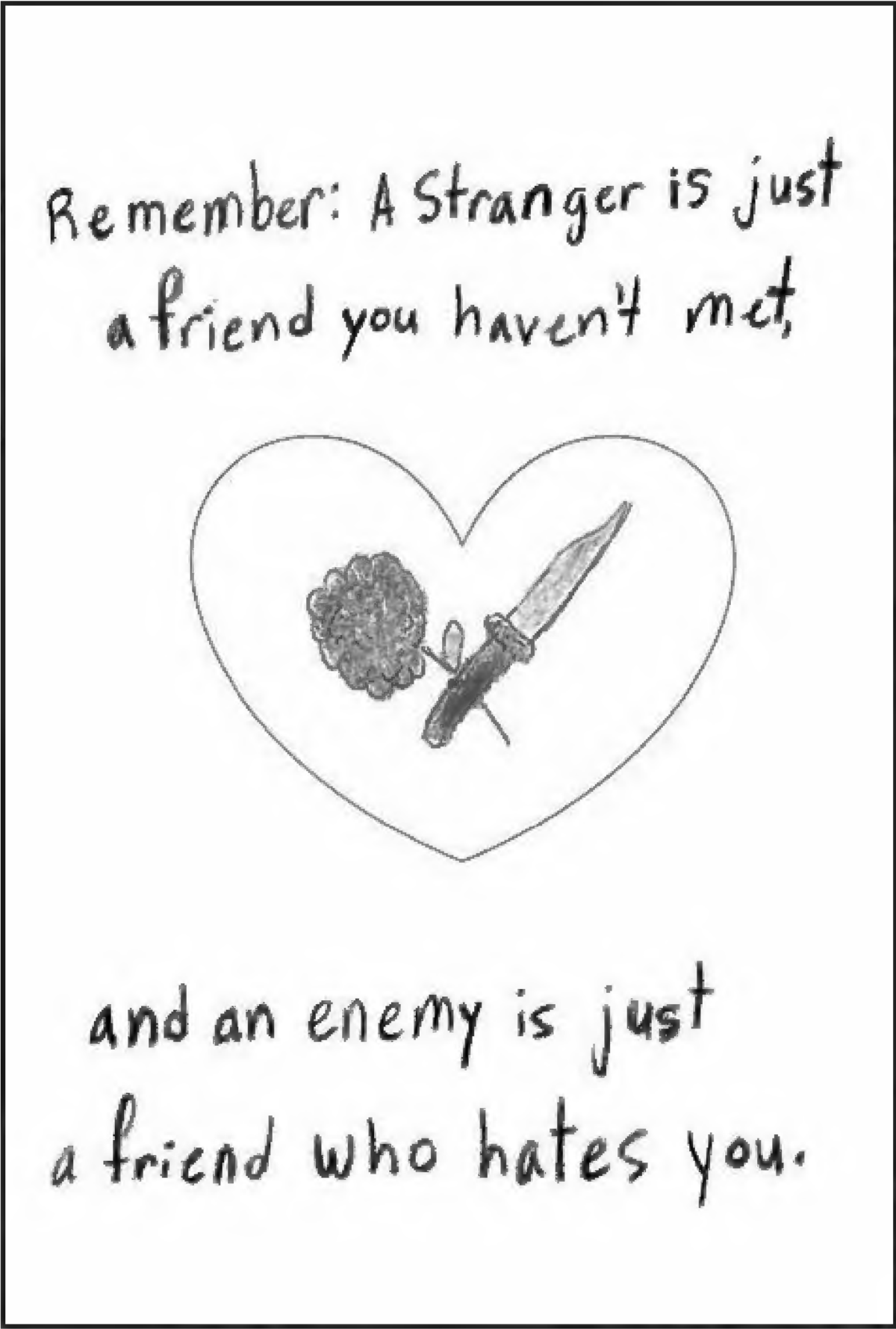
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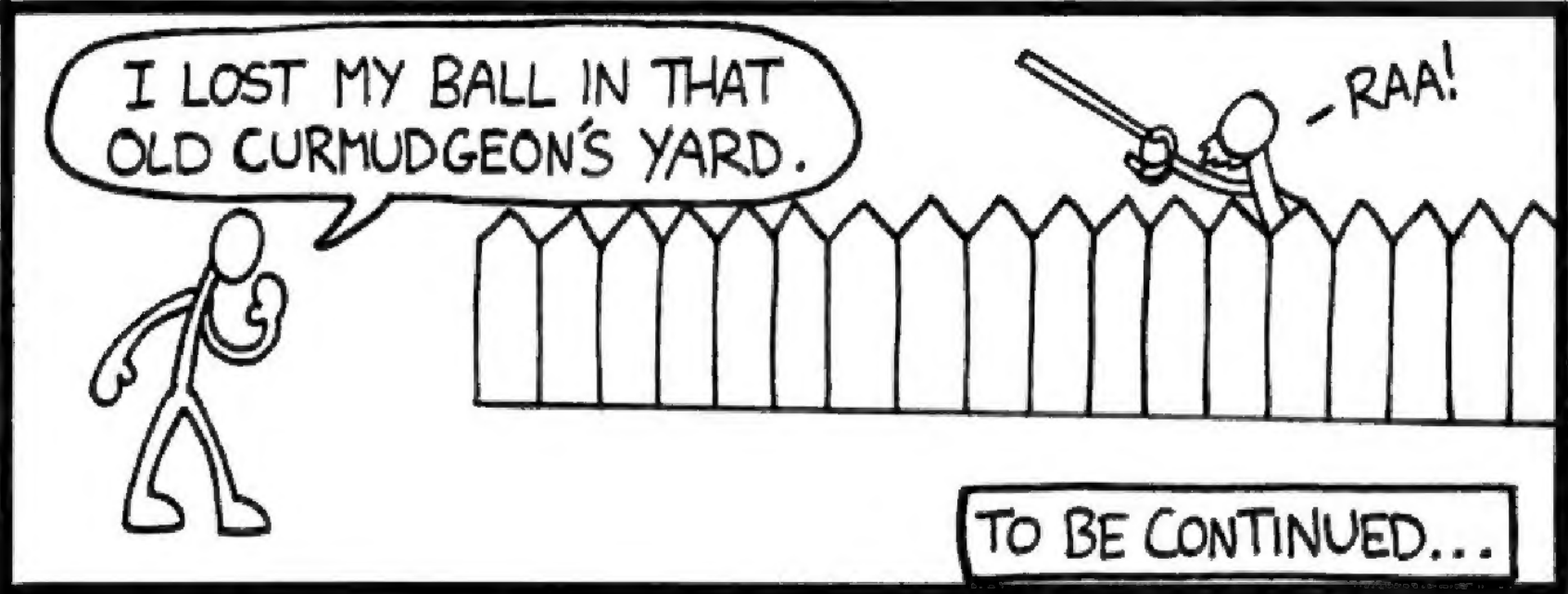
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American post-secondary students admitted to illegally taking performance-enhancing drugs. That is, drugs that were not prescribed to them directly for any medical condition, but obtained from friends, the internet or the pusher in the concourse of the library. Were they trying to grow body parts? Yes. Were they trying to outperform the competition? Yes. "Faster, Higher, Stronger": the motto of the athlete, the porn star and — it now turns out — the university student. What drugs, you ask? Prescription stimulants, most notably the family of drugs used to treat Attention Deficit Disorder such as Ritalin, Concerta, Dexedrine and Adderall. What race? Academia.

Here's what you should know. All four above drugs are amphetamines — cousins of LSD — and can lead to drug dependence, hypertension, insomnia and decreased appetite. Psychiatrists worry that healthy brains may develop psychosis with long-term use. There is some evidence that these drugs may help cognitive function, but also that the majority of their effect on normal brains may be a placebo effect. Is it really worth a bad trip back to the '60s to find out? The exception may be Modafanil, a drug

used to treat narcolepsy. Modafanil is used by US air force pilots to enhance alertness, concentration and the ability to stay awake for longer periods of time, but has the potential for serious side effects, including psychosis.

A student who already has a 4.0 won't see much benefit, nor will it save a failing performance. It might be of some benefit to those who are just on the edge; however, if you need a stimulant to finish your degree, will you take it for the rest of your career to ensure your work performance reflects your academic credentials? A 2012 study in mice showed long-term Ritalin exposure caused neurodegenerative changes. There are no long-term studies on any of these drugs in healthy human brains. No one knows if there will be long-term effects from taking them. Given that the human brain doesn't finish developing until the age of 21, are you willing to risk it? Only 2.4 per cent of U of A students are. Breast and penile implants might be a safer route to fame and fortune, and the only test you'll need to worry about is a screen test.

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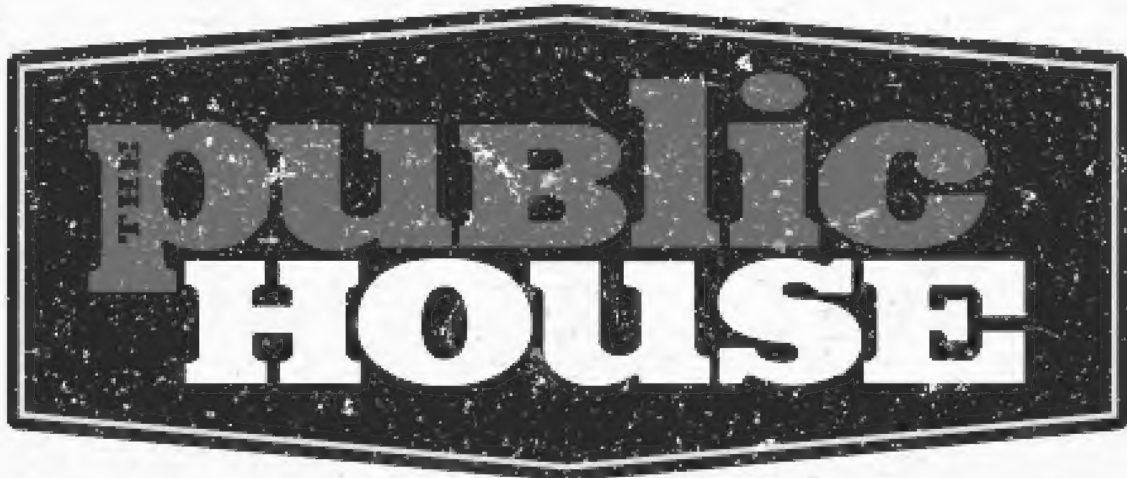
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